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OLD AND NEW MEET AGAIN IN 40th ANNUAL HOMECOMING

Full-Day Program Set For Tuesday

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — The old and the new will meet again in Porterville next Tuesday, as pioneer residents of the community return to join the homefolks in the 40th annual Veterans' Homecoming that started after the first World War as Armistice Day.

A varied program that should please both the young and the old has been set up by committees of the organizations sponsoring the celebration — Post 20, The American Legion and Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Actually, the celebration will get underway Friday, when a home-operated carnival moves into the Purity store parking lot off Olive

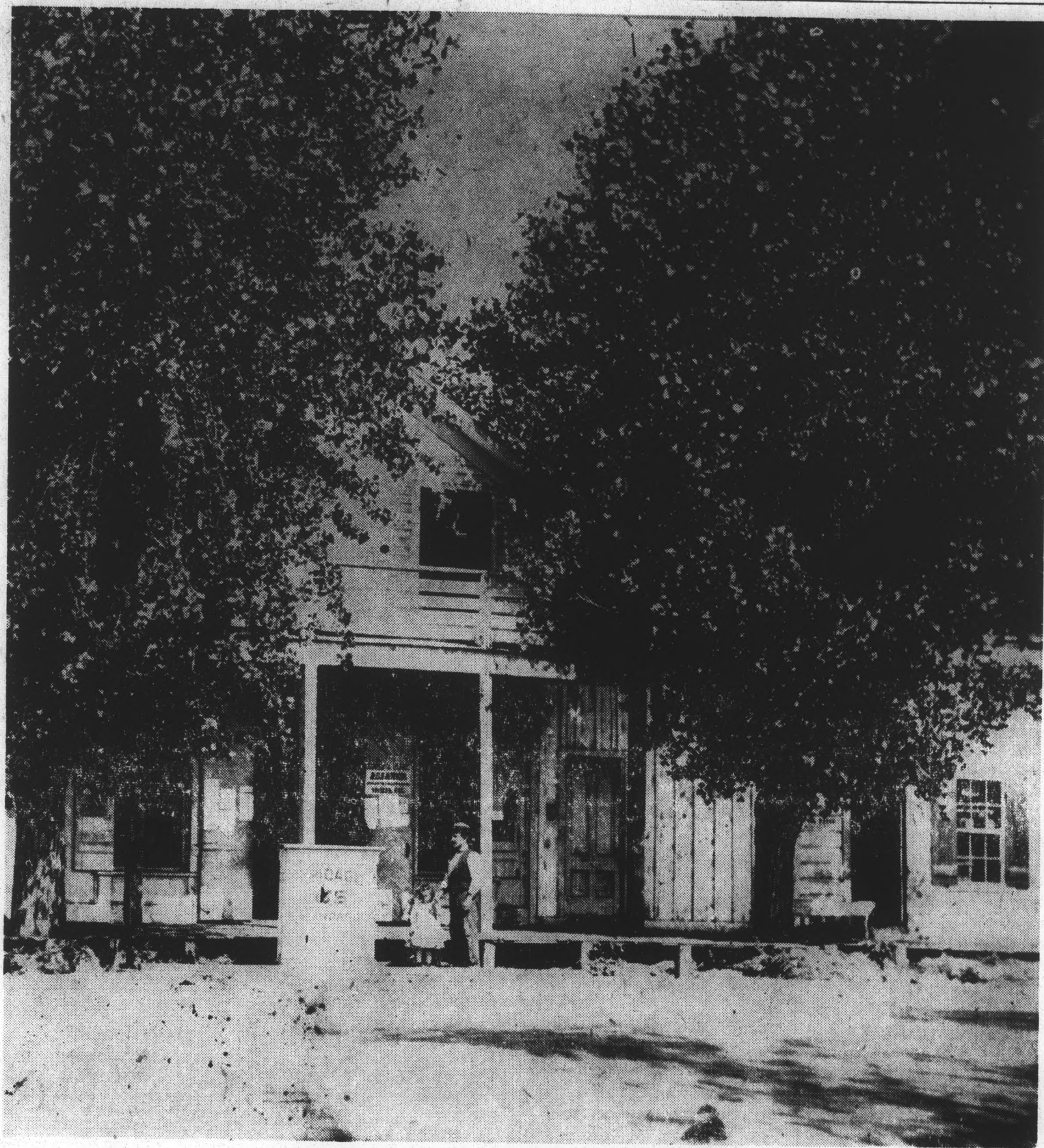
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Pioneers Will Ride In Parade Tuesday Morning

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — Lucinda Jane Conners, of Glennville, who was born at Angels Camp on October 14, 1859 and who is now 99 years old, will ride in a special car in next Tuesday's Homecoming parade, along with other pioneers of the community.

Also to be honored is Barbara Roth Flynn, 96, who came to the Strathmore community before there was a Strathmore; Jose Vega, 91, who was born on the Tule River Indian Reservation at Alta Vista; and Isabel Perkins, 90.

Other pioneers riding in the parade will be: Mrs. Gertrude Oldham, of Springville; Mrs. Hattie Wells, of Porterville; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gill, Marion Anderson and Ray Kincade, of Porterville.



WILLIAM GORDAN, and his daughter, Gertrude (now Mrs. Gertrude Oldham of Springville) are shown above on Porterville's Main street in front of Mr. Gordon's mercantile business, located in the Remi Olivier building; the picture — a tintype — was taken in 1878 or '79. Photo at right — taken 80 years later — shows Mrs. Oldham looking at a bowl and pitcher set given to her by her father as a Christmas gift when she was three years old and when the Gordon family lived upstairs in the Olivier building, which was located about where Jones Hardware company now is. Mrs. Oldham recalls that as a child she watched from the second story porch as mules, up to 16 per team, pulled wagons onto the scale for weighing, teams often trailing three wagons of grain. She also recalls that the scales, pictured above, were later taken to the Wilko Mentz ranch. William Gordon, whose diary is printed in part in this issue of The Farm Tribune, moved his business across the street about 1880 to the site of what is now the old Bank of America building, Main and Mill,



while his family lived next door, where the Crocker Anglo bank and Sears is now located. In January, of 1881, at only 48 years of age, Mr. Gordon contracted pneumonia, following a trip to Frazier valley, and died. During the funeral service, his body was taken to the cemetery in a spring wagon, since it was too expensive to bring a hearse from Visalia. In the large photo, the wording on the placard above the scales is, Adolph Mack, Assayer; apparently other notices are posted by the store door. Before Mr. Gordon occupied this building, Mr. Olivier operated a mercantile business there; later, in the middle '80s, Sam Gilliam and Guy Gilmer owned the business; in 1887 Wilko Mentz bought them out; in 1897, fire destroyed the building. (Old photo courtesy Mrs. Oldham; right, Farm Tribune photo)

ANTIQUE PLANES OVER TOWN TUESDAY WILL ADD HISTORICAL TOUCH TO VETERANS' HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — Not only will there be some special doings on the ground next Tuesday, but also in the air, as pilots of antique airplanes fly over town to add their historic touch to the 40th annual Veterans' Homecoming program.

The planes, owned by Joe Pfeiffer, of Porterville, will be displayed over the weekend and through Tuesday at the Porterville Municipal airport. They will be flown over town on Tuesday in the following order:

Skylark, biplane, built in 1932, red and white; pilot, Joe Pfeiffer.

Fairchild, high single wing, blue and white. This particular plane flew the mail route over the Andes in South America; pilot, Mel Landon.

Buhl Pup, built in 1930 as a fore-runner of mass produced light planes, blue and silver; pilot, Ralph Cotton.

Davis biplane, yellow, built in

1930 as a civilian racer; pilot, Butch Pfeiffer, a brother of Joe Pfeiffer and America's youngest stock pilot.

Cub Trainer, piloted by Paul France.

Other light craft will be flown by Nancy McMahon, of the Civil Air Patrol; Bob Brandon and Chet Powers of the Porterville Area

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4-WHEEL DRIVE CLUB TO WORK PARADE

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — Members of the Tulare County 4-Wheel Drive club have volunteered their services to assist with the 1958 Homecoming parade.

Club president, Forrest Sheppa, of Tulare, states that jeeps, belonging to club members, are equipped with two-way radios, and that several of these vehicles will be placed at the disposal of the parade committee.

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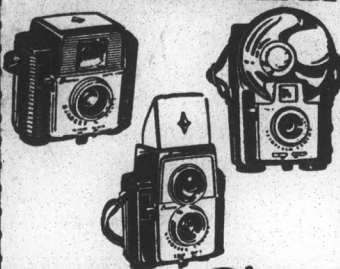
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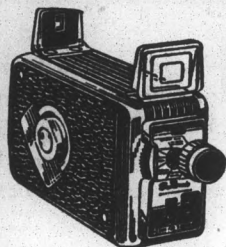
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AS CHAIRMAN of the Tulare County Republican Central committee, we have only one statement to make after reviewing the clobbering that the party took Tuesday . . . Never were Republican prospects brighter; there's no way for the party to go now, but up.

Myrtle Gafvert Has Writeup In Fullerton Paper

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — One of Porterville's pioneers, Mrs. Myrtle Gafvert, who will be 85 on November 25, was complimented in a recent edition of the Fullerton News Tribune in a story headlined, "Tribute Due Octogenarians For Serving Long In Many Fields".

The paper had this to say about Mrs. Gafvert: "She is 'at home' to her friends now at Santa Maria Convalescent home, and still paints like a young Grandma Moses.

Enabled by wheel chair and friends, she attended a St. Jude Guild tea in June. Mrs. Gafvert holds a life membership in the Fullerton Federation of Republican Women, has been cited by the Orange County Philharmonic society of which she is a charter member, is a St. Jude Guild patroness and long time Ebell member.

She greivously misses educational events here after years of perfect attendance."

Mrs. Gafvert was a regular visitor in Porterville for the annual Homecoming celebration until about two years ago.

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PORTERVILLE HAS always been famous for its bands — you'll see the classy Porterville High School Band in the 1958 Homecoming parade — but above is one of the early-day bands, a musical group

that provided entertainment along about 1887. Standing from left are: Ben Dunkley, Will Sibley, Gus Billingsley, Bart Hockett, Bob Redd and Chris Tyler; seated, Will Putnam, Jim Redd, Julian Scott and

Julian Lindquist. The photo was taken by Roth & Moore; the picture is from the H. Traeger collection.

Williams Wins, But Republicans Are Clobbered

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — State Senator J. Howard Williams, of Porterville, was reelected to his fourth term in the state senate, Tuesday, incomplete returns giving him some 22,000 votes to his opponent's, Joseph Soares, 17,000 plus.

But the reelection of Williams was the only bright spot in local Republican circles, as Democrat Incumbent Myron Frew beat Republican Ralph Jordan for state assembly by a Tulare-Kings counties incomplete total of 29,153 to 18,995.

Throughout the state, Republicans took a licking, with Pat Brown beating William F. Knowland for governor and Clair Engle beating Goodwin Knight for United States Senator.

On a basis of incomplete returns, in Tulare county voting, Brown topped Knowland for governor; Butch Powers had a strong edge on Glenn Anderson for lieutenant governor; Frank Jordan was well ahead of Henry Lopez for secretary of state; Bob Kirkwood ran ahead of Alan Cranston for controller; Ronald Button bowed to Bert Betts for state treasurer; Stanley Mosk held a strong lead over Pat Hillings for attorney general; and John Lynch, of Tulare, was well ahead of Jim Quinn for state board of equalization.

The county followed the state trend with "No" votes on the controversial Propositions 16, 17 and 18.

As The Tribune goes to press, it appears that the Democrats have won both houses of the state legislature as well as the slate of constitutional officers.

Deer kill in California during 1958 will run slightly over 52,000, a figure considerably below last year.

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Full Day

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street for a run through Tuesday night.

On Saturday the Valley Rhythm Boys will play for a pre-celebration dance at the VFW hall, while this same group will provide street entertainment during the afternoons of Saturday and Monday.

A donkey baseball game is slated for Sunday, 2 p.m., at the city ball park.

A special Memorial service will be given Sunday, November 9, First Christian church at 8 p.m. On Monday evening, November 10, a special Al Radka variety show will be presented in the Porterville Memorial auditorium at 7:30 p.m., with an admission charge made, however, at 8:45, a second, free show will be presented by the United States Marines on history of the flag with a demonstration of the proper procedure for burning of an American flag; entertaining will be by a quartet from the Edwards Air Force base.

Program for Homecoming day, next Tuesday, will be:

Breakfast for committee workers, 5 a.m. to 8 a.m., Legion hall.

Parade down Main street, starting at 10 a.m. Pioneers will have seats just north of the city hall; Porterville State hospital patients will be grouped across the street. A minute of silence will be observed at sound of the siren at 11 a.m.

Jackpot roping, Rocky Hill arena at 1 p.m.

Football, Tulare - Porterville JV's, 2:30 p.m., College stadium.

Pioneer Reunion, immediately after parade, High School cafeteria.

Dances, official celebration dance, Green Mill ballroom, Valley Rhythm Boys band, 9 p.m. Guadalupe Society, Porterville Women's clubhouse; Women's Circle, VFW hall.

Carnival, all day, Purity store lot.

Food concession booths will be operated during the day on Main street by Auxiliaries of both the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars, also the Guadalupe Society. Dinner will be served by women of the Latter Day Saints church at the Purity lot, following the parade; dinner will also be served in the high school cafeteria.

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BUTTERFIELD STAGE ROLLED AGAIN IN CENTENNIAL TRIP; VISIT MADE TO TULE SITE

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — History was relived early in October when the Butterfield Overland Mail Centennial caravan made an overnight stop in Porterville, with appropriate ceremonies at the historical marker site of the original Tule River station at which R. Porter Putnam, Porterville's founder, worked, and where Butterfield stages stopped.

Traveling from Tipton, Missouri, to San Francisco with the historical caravan was a Highway Postoffice vehicle — the first such vehicle used by the post office department, and reconditioned for the Centennial run.

The actual Butterfield stage was carried between towns by trailer, then was driven through town behind a four-horse team. It was unloaded in Porterville at the Southern Pacific depot, driven through town and pulled up at the historical marker site, very near the location of the Tule River Stage station 100 years ago.

The Centennial caravan followed the route of the old Butterfield line and moved on the same schedule as the Butterfield stages — less than 25 days from Missouri to San Francisco.

The Concord coach — the type of vehicle used on the eastern section of the Butterfield route, is owned and was driven on the Centennial tour by John Frizzell, of Oklahoma City.

Special mail was picked up along the route by the Highway Postoffice; the U.S. post office department issued a special commemorative stamp for the Butterfield Centennial.

(See photos taken in Porterville when the 1958 version of the Butterfield Overland Mail came through town.)

EARLY SCHOOL TRUSTEES AT ROCKY FORD

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — Early trustees of Rocky Ford school, as recalled by Neville Carpenter of Porterville, included Capt. Jacob Hays, Jeff Wigley, A. B. Carpenter, F. H. Carpenter, S. V. Bradley, Ed. Ridgway and E. O. Weiner.

Mr. Carpenter also recalls that since the Carpenters arrived in this area in the late 1870s, there has been someone from the Carpenter family in Rocky Ford school ever since, with exception of only two or three years.

Porterville Horse Races At Tulare

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 25, 1908 — H. O. Smith's "Joe Athby" will be entered in the 2:24 pacing race at Tulare on Thursday; Henry Conner will do the driving. H. O. says he does not expect to win the race as his horse has to go up against some of the best horses in the state.

DEMOCRATS MEETING IN VISALIA

PORTERVILLE, Aug. 4, 1877 — There will be a meeting of the Democrat Central committee in the editorial room of the Visalia Times, Saturday night. A full attendance is requested by W. P. Kirkland, chairman; meeting notices are being sent out by M. C. Butz, secretary.



THE OLD days lived again in Porterville when the Butterfield Overland Mail Centennial caravan on October 8 made a night stop here enroute from Tipton, Missouri, to San Francisco on the same schedule that the Butterfield stages maintained a hundred years ago. The Concord stage, shown above,

was of the type used on the eastern end of the Butterfield run; it was carried by truck and trailer between towns, but was pulled by a four-horse team in towns. At the historical marker site of the old Tule River Stage station, a Butterfield stop, several Porterville dignitaries got aboard: from left,

Josephine Witt, a past president of the local Native Daughters; Mayor Lester J. Hamilton; Howard Frame, a collector of historical material and historical writer; Maud Waller, Native Daughter secretary, and Gertrude McIntyre, past president and publicity director of the Native Daughters. Tribune photo

Miss Laura Munger Is Honored With Surprise Party

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 25, 1908 — Miss Laura Munger was honored Thursday evening with a surprise party and proved to be a charming hostess. Late in the evening, a watermelon feast brought the gathering to a close.

Among those present were: Mrs. and Rev. Madison Slaughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hodge Slaughter, Messrs Myron Giddings, Sam Slaughter, Ach. Smith, Clyde Wheeler,

WOMEN WORKING ON FAIR PROGRAM

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 25, 1908 — Mrs. J. C. Trefry and Miss Grace Redfield, who constitute the committee from the Ladies' Improvement club, are working to get up the program for Porterville day at the Tulare fair.

Reginald King, John Blizzard, Misses Minnie Slaughter, Samantha Jones, Willis Smith, Bessie Davis, Miss Anderson, Marguerite King and Vivian Sandilands.

HATHAWAYS ENTERTAIN WITH CARD PARTY

PORTERVILLE, Apr. 14, 1913 — Mr. and Mrs. Hathaway were hosts at a card party at their home on Grevilla avenue Saturday evening. Honored guest was Miss Young, of San Francisco, a sister of Mrs. George Murry; high score prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Schofield and Miss Eza Sarthou.

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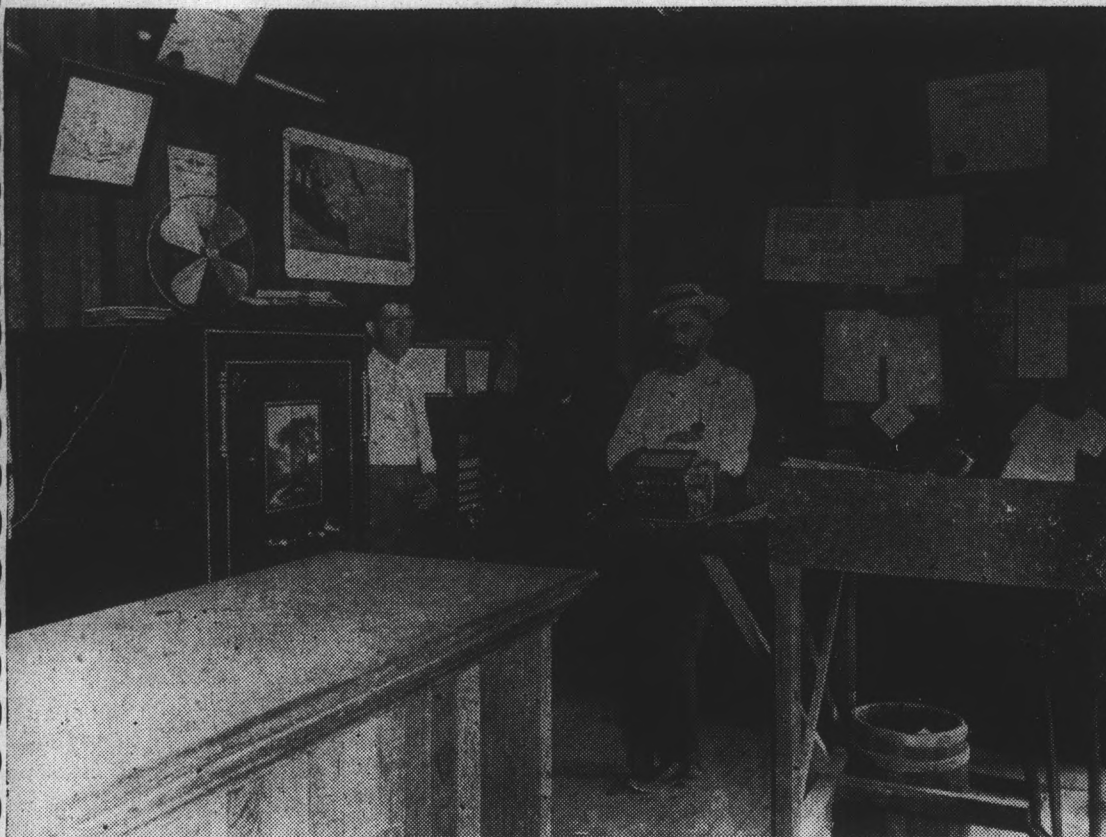
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UPPER PHOTO shows J. Frank Wright, left, and H. F. Brey at work for Porterville Lumber Co. (now Brey-Wright Lumber Co.) Photo was taken in the 1900's. The firm was then located at the northeast corner of Olive and E Streets.



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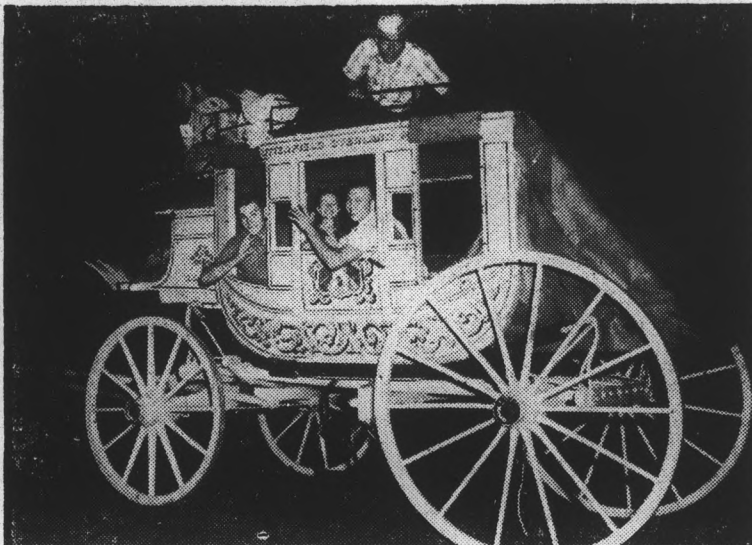
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CARRYING THE mail in the modern version of the Butterfield stage during the October Centennial run was William D. Corell, Bureau of Operations, Post Office department, Washington, D.C., who is shown above, at left, with Porterville's new postmaster, Jack Baker; they are standing beside Highway Post office No. 1 vehicle that was reconditioned for the Butterfield Centennial run. In the background is a replica of a special, Butterfield Overland Mail commemorative stamp. (Farm Tribune photo)



A GOOD idea of just how a Butterfield Overland Mail stage looked can be gained from the above photo, taken as the Butterfield Overland Mail Centennial caravan moved through Porterville early in October. (Farm Tribune photo)

REMEMBER THESE PORTERVILLE BUSINESS HOUSES THAT OPERATED BACK IN 1913 — THAT WAS JUST 45 YEARS AGO, YOU KNOW

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6, 1958 — What stores did Porterville have 45 years ago? Well, here are some of the business firms that were operating in the year of 1913:

Leggett's stores were selling Kuppenheimer suits; you could get Walk-Over shoes at Wilson's Citrus Shoe store; the Thomas Hardware company was selling the new, ideal Giant Deering mower; A. J.

Dutton was operating a store "for people who care" about jewelry and watch repair.

Willis & Son were running the Porterville Meat company; Lumley Bros. were sole agents in Tulare county for the Handy Light; the Pioneer Land company, with V. D. Knupp, as manager, was offering the best land in the state, with water; the Citrus City Lumber company was prepared to supply

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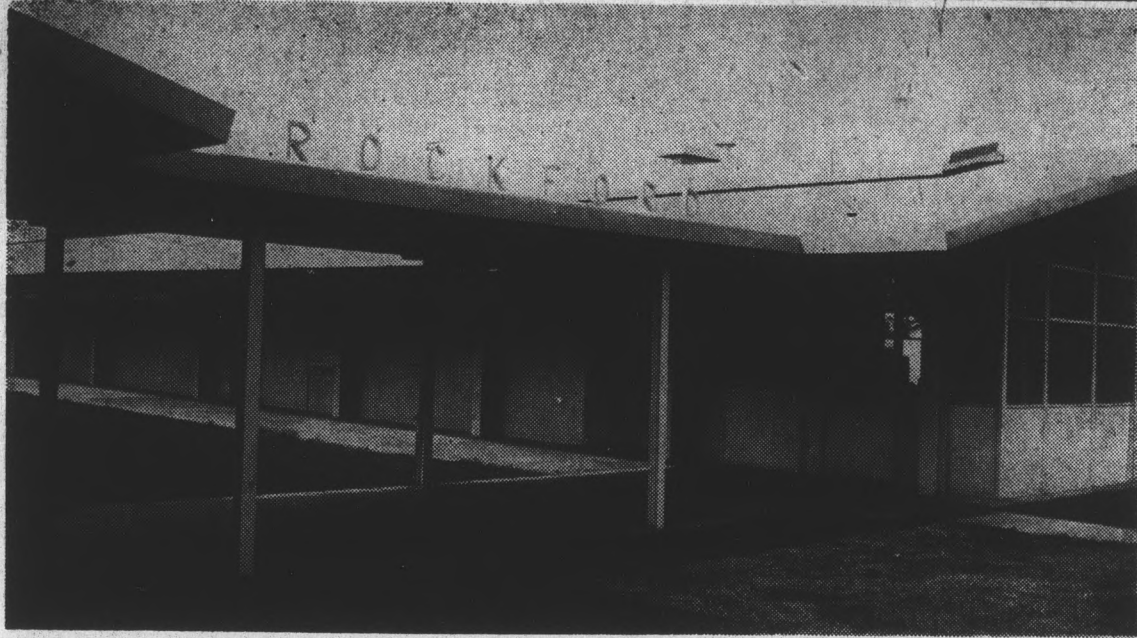
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STILL A "country school" but modern in every respect is the present-day Rockford school, with the above photo looking down one side of the outside court that divides the two class-room sections. The new school was completed about two years ago as the last — but probably not the final — building in the nearly 100-year history of the school. (Farm Tribune photo)

ROCKFORD SCHOOL DATES BACK 96 YEARS; WAS ONE OF FIVE COUNTY SCHOOLS

(Information from Marie Miramon, Ina Stiner and L. N. Carpenter)

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — This area's oldest school — Rockford — is still a "country school", but in its new buildings, completed about two years ago, it has facilities comparable to "city schools", and certainly the modern Rockford bears little resemblance to the original Rocky Ford school.

Actually, Rockford school dates back to 1862, when the first school house was built on the "Tip" Miles ranch, now known as the P. F. Clark place. This small, single room school, was one of the first five schools in Tulare county; because it was surrounded by oak trees, it was known as the Oak Grove school.

After this school burned, it was replaced at a new location when, on August 5, 1868, Twyman Harper donated an acre of ground

one-half mile east of what is now Jones corner. It was located back in a field where West Olive avenue now comes through.

Construction of this second school was of rough lumber; the building had no ceiling, only a roof; it had one door, four windows and a small stove in one end of the room.

The name Rocky Ford school came from the fact that it was near a rocky ford across the Tule river that was generally used in the early days.

In 1885 this building was sold to Harry Quinn, a prominent early-day farmer and sheepman; it was moved to the present A. M. Falconer ranch.

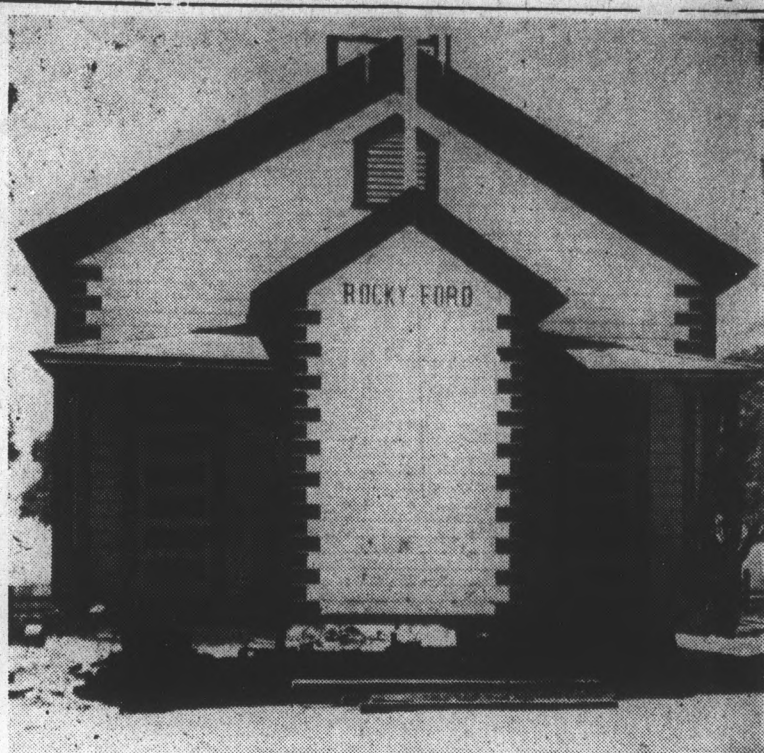
Present site of Rockford school was donated by Captain Jacob Hayes in 1885. First school here was a one-room building, larger than the previous school buildings,

to which was later added two ante-rooms, containing shelves for lunches, hooks and nails for coats and hats, a small mirror, a common comb, hand towels and a tin cup.

Water for the school came from a hand pump, with a wooden horse trough; pupils either rode or drove horses to school if they lived too far to walk; hay for the horses was carried in a burlap sack.

A flag pole was added to the school in 1895; a bell in 1908, with Jack Byers and S. V. Bradley building the belfrey. In 1911, the room was divided with a burlap curtain to make two classrooms; a heating stove was located at one end of the room.

James B. Hornsby eventually bought this building, tore it down and used the lumber to build a home, now the Fred Hornsby place. In 1915, a two-classroom building was constructed, however, a sliding



ROCKY FORD school, built in 1885 school; the anterooms in the 1885. is shown during its last days. front were built later. Lumber in 1915, when it was moved to one from this building was used in the side so that a new school could be built in its place. Main part of the above building was the original. (Photo courtesy Neville Carpenter)

partition allowed the two rooms to be made into one to accommodate patrons of the school when entertainment was presented.

Buildings were added in 1925, in 1947 and in 1950. The present, modern building was constructed by David Chamberlain, with seven classrooms, a teacher work room, a principal's office, a nurse's room, a multi-purpose building, a double garage and two storage rooms.

Deed to the Rockford school site was recorded on March 19, 1885, with location given as 26 poles

north, 13 poles east, 26 poles south, 13 poles west containing 2 acres. The deed was recorded by J. T. Hornsby and was notarized by P. P. Davis.

Rockford was a one-teacher school until 1911 when a second teacher was added; first principal was Mrs. A. E. Carter, others included: Mrs. D. F. Clark, George Hays, Mrs. B. F. Bunker, Mr. B. F. Bunker, Robert Serbian, Paul Richert and Frank Neufeld.

Many of the prominent family (Continued On Page 6)

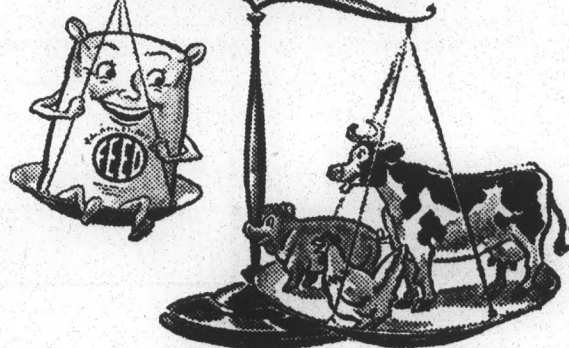
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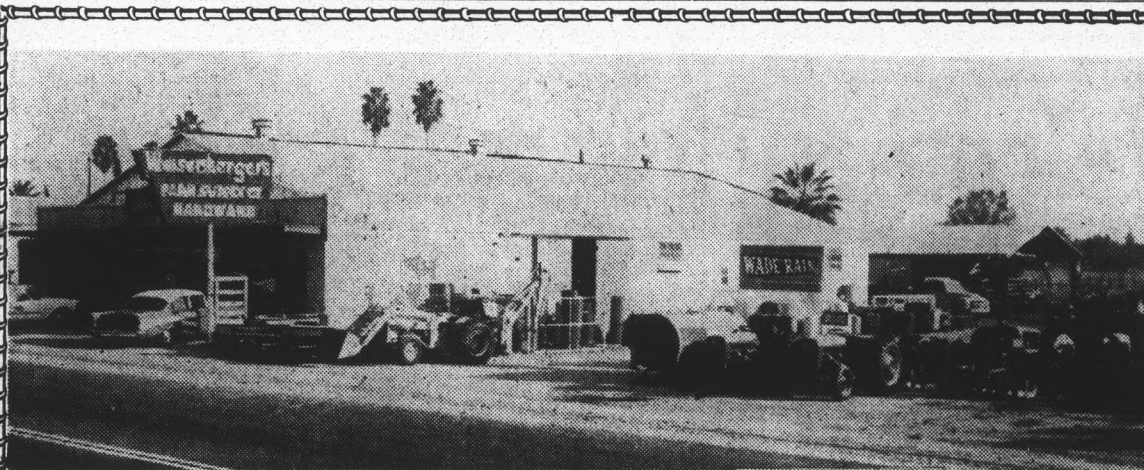
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BUTTERFIELD MAIL stage driver looks at Highway Post Office as the stage and motor vehicle prepare to move down Porterville's Main street the night of October 8 when the Butterfield Overland Mail Centennial was observed in Porterville. Stage driver is John Frizzell, Oklahoma rancher who has a collection of old vehicles and who owns the Butterfield stage; guard, at the left of the driver is John Frizzell Jr.; outrider is Minnette Frizzell. (Farm Tribune photo)

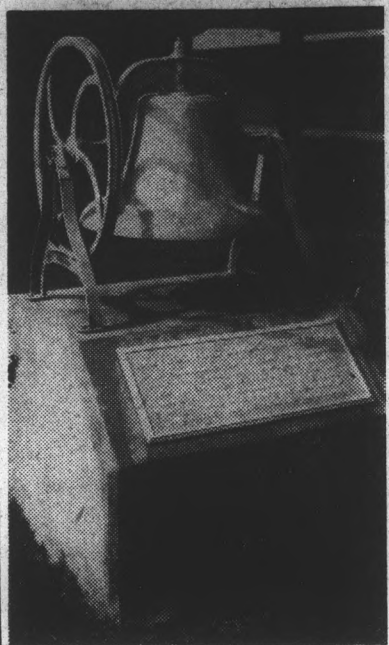
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anything in the building line.

Percy Thorn was agent for Overland cars; Jack M. Duncan was doing all kinds of blacksmithing and horse shoeing; Nelson & Swanson were making fashionable suits for ladies and gents at prices of \$25 to \$40; the Peak Brothers were proprietors of the Pioneer Stables at the corner of Second street and Putnam avenue; Hazen & Wigley were handling Rumley tractor engines in their Exclusive Implement House.

Edwin S. Lawson, optometrist, was telling folks that if they needed glasses, "now is the time to get them"; J. A. Ulmer Machinery company was selling complete pumping plants and electrical equipment; good coffee was being sold at the Porterville Rochdale company; J. F. Canty was the proprietor of the Pioneer hotel, from where free busses were operated to and from trains; Claubes Prescription Pharmacy was selling drugs; Henry Dunning was the proprietor of the Pioneer Hotel grill; Baca and Dollar were turning out first class livery at the Exchange stables.

Among professional men with offices in Porterville were: Dentists, Drs. Bernard C. Murray, W. W. Leslie and W. L. Lackey; physicians and surgeons were: Drs. Austin Miller, Schuyler A. Barber, and J. Tracy Melvin; H. E. Reed was a practicing osteopath; in the field of music, Miss Edith Pell was teaching voice, A. W. Dunning



NOW A historical remembrance is the bell that was placed in the Rocky Ford school in 1908, its final resting place being on a commemorative marker in front of the modern Rockford school. (Farm Tribune photo)

Rockford School

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names of the past, and of the present, can be found on the old records of Rockford school. Actually, the school served the people of this area before there was a town of Porterville.

GLENVILLE, Oct. 30, 1891 — Natch Craver has gone to Arizona. Walt Heath will join him in about two weeks.

was instructing in pianoforte, Clyde E. Keener, violinist and Harold A. Cole, pianist, had the Studio School of Music.

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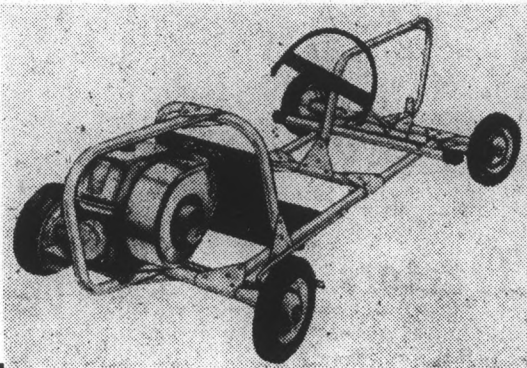
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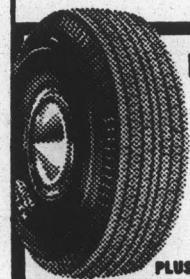
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"PORTERVILLE IS GROWING TOO FAST, WE SHOULD CALL A HALT," WAS CRY OF CALAMITY HOWLERS A HALF CENTURY AGO

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6, 1958 — The old days weren't much different than the modern days in so far as difference of community opinion on just how fast Porterville should develop. Following is comment taken from a Porterville Enterprise editorial written a half century ago:

That Porterville, the citrus city of the great California orange belt, is rapidly climbing to the front, is a fact that no man can doubt, and the spirit of the times right now is to see that we get our share of the influx of easterners who are coming West to seek homes.

Let us make Porterville the largest city in the county. We can do it. The chamber of commerce and our citizens, collectively and individually, are clearly demonstrating that our citizenship is to be satisfied with nothing less.

And yet we hear the cry in our midst, "Call a halt. Porterville is growing too fast and we will experience a set-back." These calamity howlers are invariably the ones who ask either an enormous price for their property or else refuse to sell at any price. They are waiting to take advantage of the advance, but yet they cry, "halt."

No city has ever come into any prominence without this negative quantity. Cities always have to be built, not by them, but in spite of them, and that is the case in Porterville. It is destined to be a city of importance, a city of wealth, a city of homes and factories, and nothing can stop it.

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FIRST BASKETBALL team at Rockford school was organized in 1910, with players shown in above photo. Back row, from left: Roscoe Tharp, Neville Carpenter, Edward W. Flory, Joseph Simonich; second row: Frank Betts, Joe Ridgway, Charles Flory; front: Tony DeMello and Tony Simonich. Neville Carpenter recalls that this team played Pleasant View, Burton and Porterville. "We won a few and lost some", Neville says.

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IN 1910 the above girls played on Rockford school's first basketball team. They are, from left, Vella Bradley, Marie Simonich, (teacher at the school) Grace Bradley, Eulalie Flory, Effie Howe, Mildred Carpenter.

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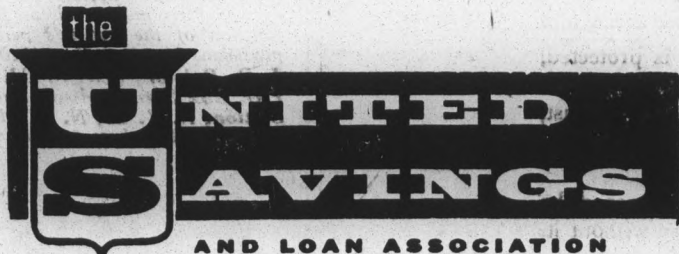
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PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — Both Porterville high school and Porterville college play out of town Friday night, the college meeting the tough Fresno JC Rams in the new McClain stadium in Fresno; the high school playing Tulare, at Tulare.

Both games will probably decide league championships; with the Fresno Rams rated to take the Porterville Pirates, but with the high school Panthers even money against Tulare.

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THIS CLASS attended Rocky Ford school back in 1887-88 with Fletcher Turner as teacher. In the photo are, back row, from left: Myrtle Clack, Mary Bailey, Fletcher Turner, Rose Young, Lizzie Ellis, Frankie Young, Annie Stewart, Della Ferguson, Bill Hornsby, Charlie Hunsaker, Ben Vaughn, Dike Stewart, Chris Sorenson, Jessie Ellis, Frank Hayes, Ed. Howell, John Clack; second row: Grace Turner, Nellie Stewart, Ida Beebe, Eva Dearing, Cora Ferguson, Hattie Clack, Orpha Young, Minta Young, Dora Ferguson, Dole Young, Clara Carpenter, Jessie Ellis, Kate Hayes, Claud Stewart, Walter Stewart; first row: Tennie Ferguson, Ollie Douglas, Sadie Bailey, May Douglas, Etta Dearing, Mary Ferguson, Jennie Stewart, Exaner Fine, Bart Clack, Frank Niles, Ira Hayes, Tom Young, Bob Stewart, Jim Niles, Jay Hayes, Joe Schwartz, Elmer Schwartz and James Turner.

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Porterville Growth

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Porterville is known as the city that does things. In two years' time, nearly fifty thousand dollars will have gone into church buildings and we are now on the verge of a great building decade. Thousands of dollars will go into business blocks within the next twelve months, and miles of cement walks will cover the town from one end to the other. The city trustees are making the right moves.

If you have been hanging to the holdback strap, change your position and hook on to the tug and pull.

Medical Mirror

WHAT DOCTORS SAY ABOUT

Note to readers: Thanks for all the nice letters. As many questions as possible will be answered in this column, but for obvious reasons replies must be brief.

Q. "What is royal jelly? Do nutritionists consider it a satisfactory dietary supplement?"
—W. B., Canada.

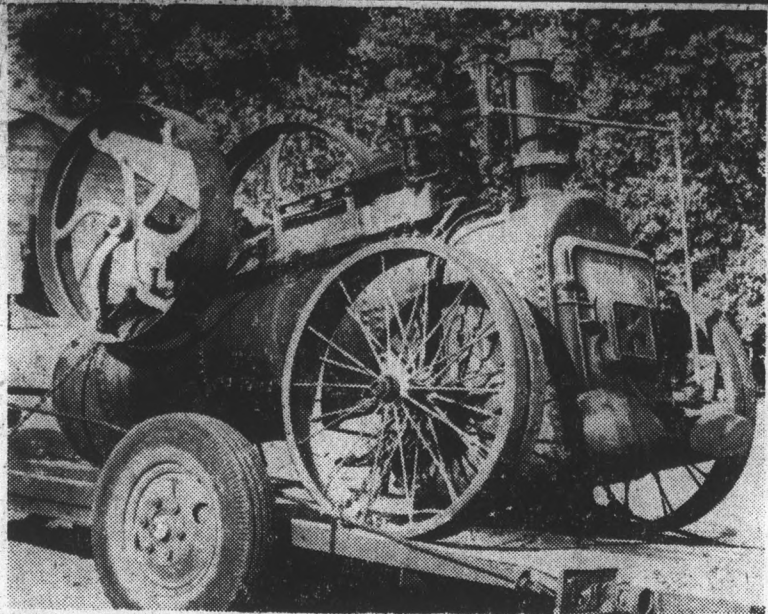
A. Royal jelly is a secretion of worker bees which is fed to larva (baby bees) that are to become queens. One or two scientific reports indicate that royal jelly contains one of the "B" vitamins (pantothenic acid), but the need for this vitamin by humans has not been established. According to a top nutritionist, promotion of "royal jelly" as a dietary supplement is pretty much in the field of quackery. The U. S. Food and Drug Administration is very much concerned about the sale of "food supplements" as cure-alls for conditions which require medical attention. The leaflet "Food Facts vs. Food Fallacies" issued by FDA is good reading for anyone who is interested in improved health. Copies are available by writing to the Food and Drug Administration, Dept. of Health, Education and Welfare, Washington 25, D. C.

Answers do not necessarily reflect the opinion of all doctors. The diagnosis and treatment of disease is the function of the patient's personal physician. Questions directed to Dr. J. D. Ralston, Science Editors, P.O. Box 396, Madison Square Station, N. Y. 10, N. Y. will be incorporated in these columns when possible.

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NOT MUCH to look at was this steam engine when Ed. Jones brought it to his Porterville workshop a few weeks ago, after picking it up at the Freeland Farnsworth ranch. But in its shining, renovated form, it will be featured in the 1958 Porterville Homecoming parade, Tuesday.

(Farm Tribune photo)

Renovated Steam Engine To Appear In Homecoming Parade; Machine Was Used For Power Back In 1870s

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — A real eye-catcher in the 1958 Homecoming parade in Porterville, Tuesday, will be a renovated steam engine that dates back probably into the 1870s.

The engine, of a type commonly used to provide power for stationary equipment in the early days, has been put into tip-top running order by Ed. Jones, who secured the engine from Freeland Farnsworth, with the assistance of Bud Alston.

Alston used the engine to thresh grain and roll barley at his ranch in the South Fork valley, just above Isabella.

Farnsworth bought the engine in 1936 and set it up on his White River ranch to roll barley; later a gasoline engine was substituted, then about six weeks ago, Ed. Jones brought the engine to his

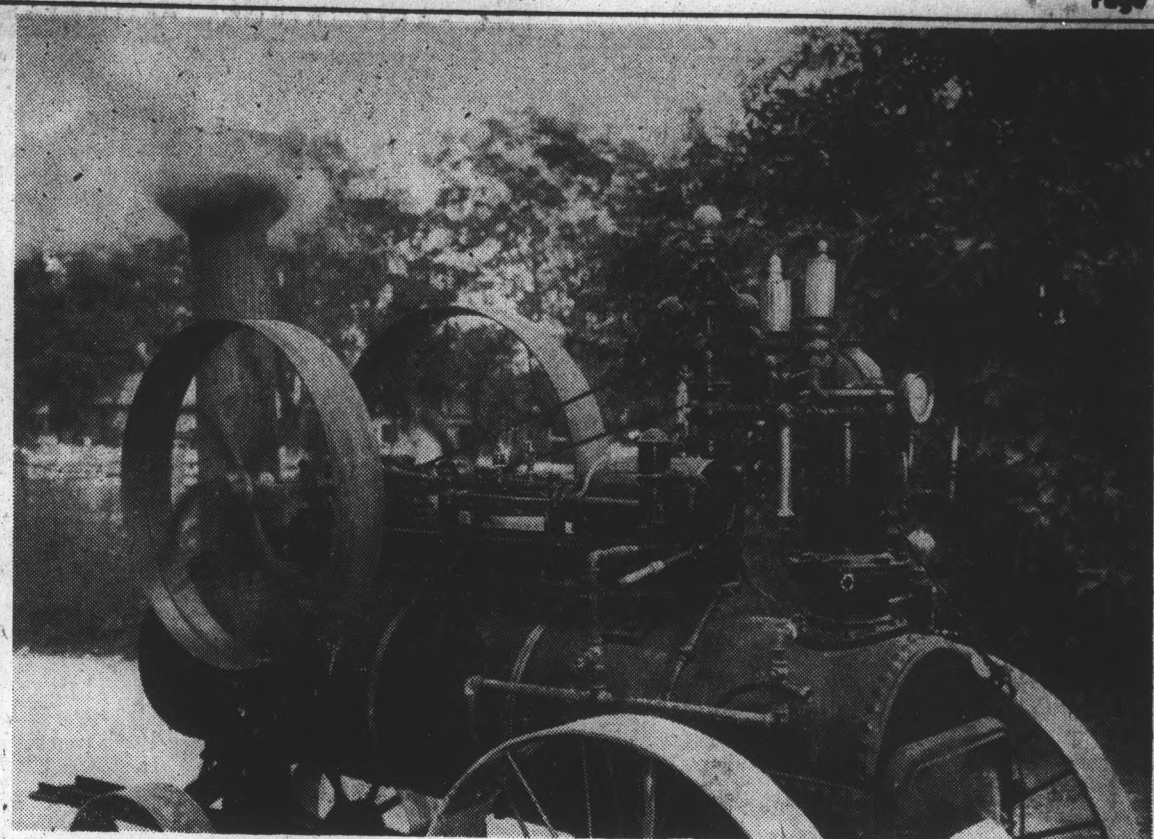
HERE IT is, fired up, the drive wheels turning, and smoke pouring out of the stack. This old steam

shop and started the renovating job, pointing toward the 1958 parade.

Now the steam engine is newly painted, its brass shines in the sun, the smoke pours out of its stack just like it did 60 years ago, and you can hear the whistle for a mile. And as for its mechanical workings — when Ed. and Bud got through with it, it ran like a sewing machine, only better.

The engine is not self-propelled — it goes back to the era before

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engine, renovated by Ed. Jones and Bud Alston, will appear in the 1958 Homecoming parade in Porterville. (Farm Tribune photo)

Historical Society

To Meet At Earlimart

VISALIA, Nov. 6 — The next meeting of the Tulare County Historical society will be held at the Earlimart Elementary school on

Sunday, November 16th, at 2:30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. James B. Howard will be co-chairmen of the meeting which will deal with the history and development of the Earlimart area.

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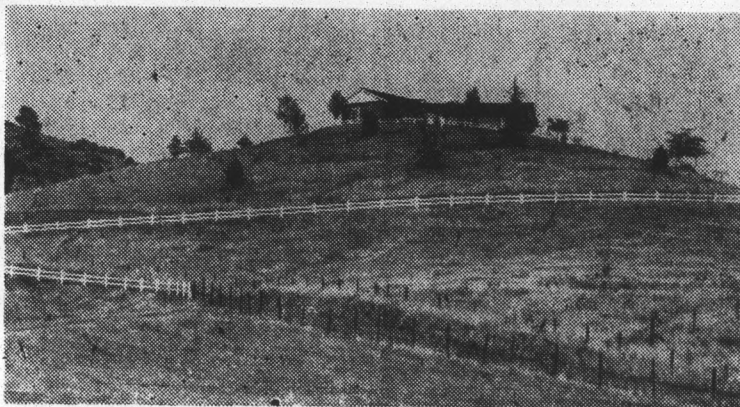
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MATTIE BILLINGSLEY was the teacher of this Rocky Ford school group back in 1886-87. Shown, left to right, back row, are: Ida Beebe, Della Ferguson, Kate Hayes, Rose Young, Dole Young, Clara Carpenter, Orpha Young, Eva Dearing, Cora Ferguson, Dora Ferguson, Sam Hornsby, Frank Hayes, Bill Hornsby, Mattie Billingsley; middle row: Minta Young, Mary Ferguson, Etta Dearing, Frank Niles, John Ferguson, Jay Hayes, Ira Hayes; front row: Tennie Ferguson, Tensie Bradley, Bob Stewart, Tom Young, Jim Niles, Martin Roetterberg. (Photo courtesy Marie Miramon)

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ED. JONES, of Porterville, adjusts a valve on his pride and joy — an old steam engine that dates back three-quarters of a century to the days of stationary power. Jones will have the engine in next Tuesday's Homecoming parade. (Farm Tribune photo)

Steam Engine

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self-propelled steam engines. It was originally pulled from location to location by horses; in the Tuesday parade, it will probably be pulled by a light tractor.

All roads will lead to Porterville, Tuesday, for the 40th annual Veterans' Homecoming celebration.

Let's go to the parade, Tuesday morning—in Porterville, of course.

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DEWEY JACKSON, commander of Porterville Post No. 20, The American Legion, who is one of the "ramrods" of the 1958 Veterans' Homecoming Celebration in Porterville next Tuesday, November 11. (Hammond photo)



JOHN BENNETT, commander of Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars, who is one of the general committee co-chairmen planning next Tuesday's 40th annual Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville. (Hammond photo)

Lumley Heads Development Foundation

PORTERVILLE, Dec. 6—Aubrey M. Lumley Jr. was elected president of the board of directors of the Porterville Civic Development Foundation at a meeting held Thursday night at the Rockwell Manufacturing company plant. He succeeds the late Harry J. Johnson.

Other officers are: Frank Hallford, 1st vice president; Lester J. Hamilton, 2nd vice president; Guy Knupp Jr., secretary; Ted Cornell, assistant secretary; Elmer Natzke Jr., treasurer; Jack Anglin, Bob Marshall and Jess Eckles, executive committee members.

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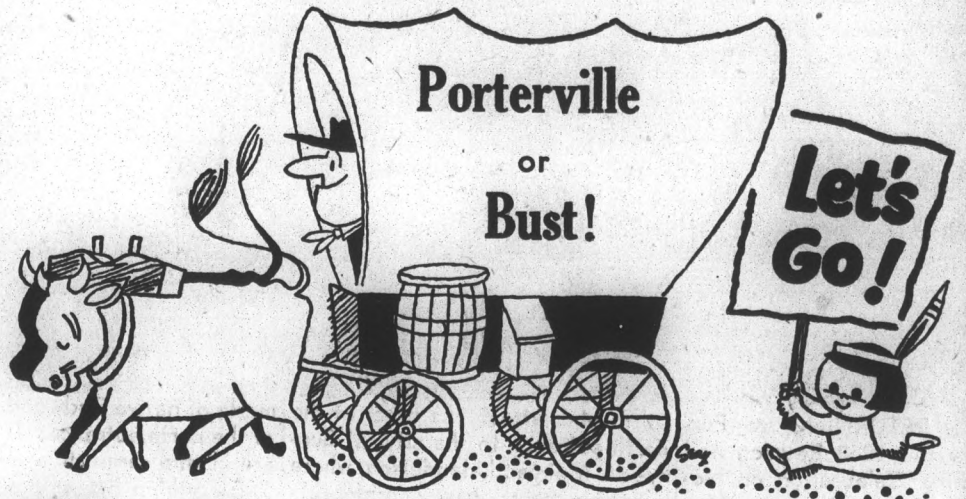
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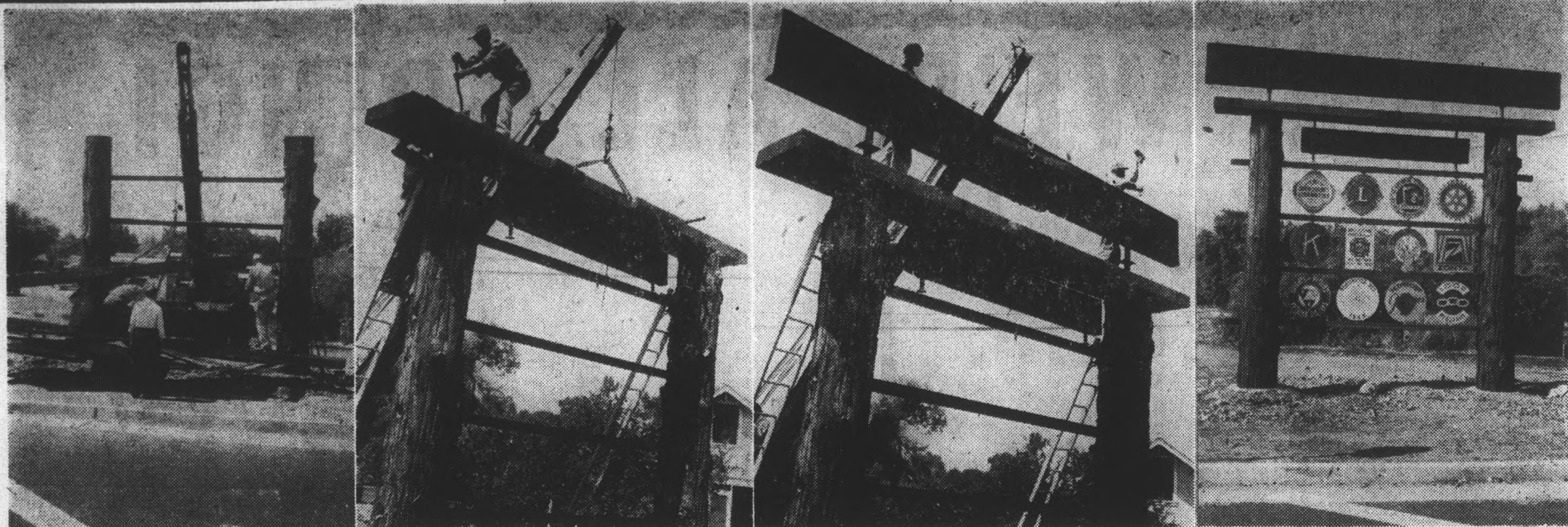
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PIONEERS RETURNING to Porterville for the 1958 Reunion and Homecoming Celebration on November 11 will note two new Welcome To Porterville signs, one just before crossing the Tule river on

south Main street, the other at the north entrance to the city, at Sunnyside, Main and Henderson, where extensive work has considerably changed this intersection. Above photos show the sign, which is

made of native Redwood, going up at the north entrance: 1. The posts are in, the supports are going up; 2. Everything fits, with a little help from a crowbar; 3. Progress being made; 4. The sign is up and all that

remains are the finishing touches. The sign was made by Ed. Jones, assisting with the project, which was sponsored by the Porterville chamber of commerce, were: Alley Lumber company, Valley Welding,

Earl Leslie, Bud Alston, City of Porterville, Southern California Edison company and Allan Coates, chamber manager.

(Farm Tribune photos)

FINS UR EATHERS



By
PHIL
the
FORRESTER

Salmon in the Morro Bay - Avila area of the ocean don't seem to want to stay put for any dependable length of time. The fish are scattered and some boats are connecting and others are not and the last day of the ocean salmon

fishing season south of Tomales Bay is November 16. Lots of big white sea bass being taken over in that area and fishing for other ocean species continues good.

The Merced National Waterfowl Management area will open to public duck hunting Saturday, Nov. 8, making four places for the free lance hunter to take ducks and geese in the San Joaquin Valley. After this opening weekend, all this shooting room will go begging until the pheasant season opens and shooting for these birds will be allowed on the duck areas too.

Quail, chukar partridge, cottontail and tree squirrel season opened quietly in the San Joaquin valley last Saturday. Hunting for this upland game don't create the excitement that goes with the opening of duck, pheasant and deer season.

We did a bit of chukar hunting in the Panoche hills where there are thousands of acres of public domain open to public hunting but only a handful of sportsmen taking advantage of the area. The reason for this might be that most any hunter would pass this area up as being entirely void of game and it gives that indication.

It may come as a surprise to many but the fish and game department has installed quite a number of artificial watering devices



IT WAS on March 17, 1892, that the above group was photographed at Rocky Ford school; shown are, back row from left: Eva Dear-

ing, Dora Ferguson, Della Ferguson, Cora Ferguson, Arthur Yangston; front row: Odie Hale, Jay Hayes, Hattie Clack, Marvin Bur-

ford, Minta Young, Kate Ross, Miss Emma Bronck, teacher.

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in that country and they have worked wonders for quail, chukars, doves and cottontail. However, the hunting season opens too late for the rabbits as mother nature takes her great toll of the tremendous population to be found there in the spring and early summer. But the quail and chukars are there and plenty, although it takes time and experience to hunt the big chukar successfully, and it takes youth and stamina to travel up and down the steep cliffs where the chukars are found.

The fish and game boys are making a complete check of the area this year and have several checking stations for hunters to stop and report. We stopped at one station at 2 p.m., the opening day and only 14 hunters had reported eight chukars and 57 quail. At another station near Silver creek, 25 hunters had checked in with seven chukars and 96 quail.

Numerous hunters wanted to know, "Where are all the chukars?" The answer to which was, on the mountain sides and not visible from the road.

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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 14316

Superior Court of the State of California For the County of Tulare

Estate of LILLIAN L. MARTIN, also known as Lillian L. Martin, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice. Dated October 14, 1958.

PURVIS L. MARTIN, Executor of the will of the above named decedent

BURFORD, HUBLER & BURFORD 520 East Mill Street Porterville, California Attorneys for Executor

First publication: October 16, 1958 o16,23,30,n6,13

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 14315

Superior Court of the State of California For the County of Tulare

Estate of DELLA BLANCHE PARKER, also known as Della B. Parker, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice. Dated October 6, 1958.

GENEVIEVE PARKER WILSON Executrix of the will of the above named decedent

Burford, Hubler & Burford 520 East Mill Street Porterville, California Telephone: SUset 4-5064 Attorneys for Executrix

First publication: October 9, 1958. o9,16,23,30,n6

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare will receive bids for the construction of a Three Truck Fire Station with living quarters attached to be located in the community of Springville, Tulare County, California, in strict accordance with the plans and specifications on file in the office of the Architect, James P. Lockett, 121 East Main Street, Visalia, California and the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in the Tulare County Courthouse in the City of Visalia.

Bids shall be submitted on forms prepared by and which may be obtained from said Architect and must be accompanied by a bidder's bond or certified check for not less than ten per cent (10%) of the amount of the bid, payable to the County of Tulare. The above mentioned bidder's bond or certified check shall guarantee that in the event the bidder is awarded the contract he will enter into said contract and furnish the required bonds and insurance within fifteen (15) days after the award of said contract. In the event the bidder refuses or fails to execute said contract and furnish the required bonds and insurance, the use by the County of the project will be delayed and the County will suffer great damage, but because of the nature of the construction it would be extremely difficult and impractical to fix said amount of damage. Therefore, the bidder shall, by submitting said bond or certified check, be deemed to agree that said sum shall be paid to the County of Tulare under the conditions set forth hereinabove as liquidated damages and not as a forfeiture.

Bids and accompanying documents shall be sealed in an envelope marked "Bid, Springville Fire Station, Springville, California", and placed in the possession of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors at the Tulare County Courthouse not later than 2:00 P.M., November 18, 1958, at which time the bids will be opened and read publicly.

The successful bidder shall furnish a Labor and Materials Bond to the County of Tulare in the amount of not less than fifty per cent (50%) of the contract price, and a Faithful Performance Bond in favor of the County of Tulare in the amount of one hundred per cent (100%) of the contract price. said bonds to be issued by a surety company satisfactory to the Board of Supervisors, County of Tulare. The successful bidder shall give satisfactory proof to said Board of Supervisors of the maintenance of public liability insurance in an amount not less than \$200,000.00 for one person injured in any one accident, and not less than \$300,000.00 for more than one person injured in one accident, and the maintenance of property damage insurance in an amount not less than \$50,000.00.

The Board of Supervisors prefers that all bonds and insurance required to be furnished under said contract shall be secured from agents located in the County of Tulare.

Pursuant to section 1773 of the Labor Code of the State of California, said Board has ascertained the general prevailing rates of per diem wages and for legal holidays and overtime work in the locality for each craft or type of workman needed to execute the contract and not less than which rates the contractor to whom the contract is awarded and any subcontractor under him shall pay to all workmen employed in the execution of the contract, and said wage rates are set forth in Exhibit "A" attached to the Agreement which is on file in the office of the Architect and the office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. Said wage rates are incorporated herein by reference to the same effect as if fully set forth herein.

The Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and/or waive any informality in any bid, and/or determine in their discretion the responsibility of any bidder, and which bid is most advantageous to the County.

Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of thirty (30) days after the date set for the bid opening.

Dated: October 21, 1958.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF TULARE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

CLAUD H. GRANT, County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Tulare.

By SYLVIA HALLOWS, Deputy o30,n6

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

No. 14320

Superior Court of the State of California For the County of Tulare

Estate of JOSIE C. PORTER, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the creditors of the above named decedent that all persons having claims against the said decedent are required to file them, with the necessary vouchers, in the office of the clerk of the above entitled court, or to present them, with the necessary vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of Burford, Hubler & Burford, 520 East Mill Street, Porterville, California, which is the place of business of the undersigned in all matters pertaining to the estate of said decedent, within six months after the first publication of this notice. Dated October 22, 1958.

VENA ROBINSON, Executrix of the will of the above named decedent

BURFORD, HUBLER & BURFORD 520 East Mill Street Porterville, California Telephone: SUNset 4-5064 Attorneys for Executrix

First publication: October 23, 1958. o23,30,n6,13,20

LEGAL NOTICE

SUMMONS

No. 51853

ACTION IN REM TO DETERMINE THE VALIDITY OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICT AND OF THE AUTHORITY TO MAKE AND EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND THE VALIDITY THEREOF

In the Superior Court of the State of California In and For The County of Tulare

TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT, a California water district, Plaintiff,

vs.

ALL PARTIES AND PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THE APPROVAL AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT, AND ALL PARTIES AND PERSONS IN ANY WAY INTERESTED IN THAT CERTAIN CONTRACT DATED OCTOBER 23, 1958, ENTITLED "CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM" MADE BY AND BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SAID TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT, THE EXECUTION OF WHICH WAS AUTHORIZED AT AN ELECTION IN SAID WATER DISTRICT ON OCTOBER 21, 1958, AND THE PROCEEDINGS LEADING UP TO AND INCLUDING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID CONTRACT, AND ALL PARTIES AND PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN OR CLAIM UPON OR AGAINST THE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID DISTRICT OR ANY PART THEREOF AND ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN SAID DISTRICT. Defendants.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO: ALL PARTIES AND PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THE APPROVAL AND CONFIRMATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF THE TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT, AND ALL PARTIES AND PERSONS IN ANY WAY INTERESTED IN THE CERTAIN CONTRACT DATED OCTOBER 23, 1958, ENTITLED "CONTRACT BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT PROVIDING FOR WATER SERVICE AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM" MADE BY AND BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE SAID TEA POT DOME WATER DISTRICT, THE EXECUTION OF WHICH WAS AUTHORIZED IN AN ELECTION OF SAID WATER DISTRICT ON OCTOBER 21, 1958, AND THE PROCEEDINGS LEADING UP TO AND INCLUDING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF SAID CONTRACT, AND ALL PARTIES AND PERSONS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN OR LIEN OR CLAIM UPON OR AGAINST THE PROPERTY WITHIN SAID DISTRICT, OR ANY PART THEREOF AND ALL REAL PROPERTY WITHIN SAID DISTRICT. DEFENDANTS.

You are hereby directed to appear in the action brought against you by the above-named plaintiff in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare, and entitled as above, and to answer the complaint within ten days after the full publication of this summons, which said period of ten days will expire on the 25th day of November, 1958.

You are further notified and advised that the plaintiff in and by said complaint seeks to have the Court examine all the proceedings for the organization of the Tea Pot Dome Water District and all proceedings leading up to and including the execution and delivery of that certain contract between the United States of America and the Tea Pot Dome Water District, dated October 23, 1958, and entitled "Contract Between the United States and the Tea Pot Dome Water District Providing for Water Service and for the Construction of a Distribution System", under the terms and conditions therein stated, the United States of America agrees to furnish a supply of water to the said district and to design and construct a distribution system for the said district, a copy of which said contract is annexed to the complaint filed herein, and to examine the terms and conditions of said contract, and upon and after such examination to approve and confirm as valid the organization of said district and all the proceedings leading up to and including the execution and delivery of said contract, and to approve and confirm all the terms and provisions of said contract.

You are further notified that, upon your failure to appear and answer said summons within the time herein specified, plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Tulare, this 24th day of October, 1958.

CLAUD H. GRANT County Clerk and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Tulare.

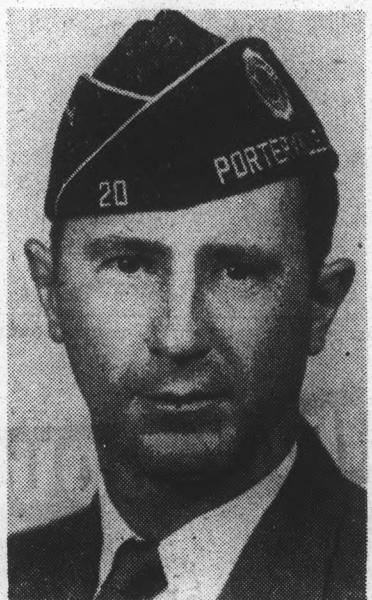
(Seal)

By BLANCHE RAMBO, Deputy o30,n6,13

Homecoming, November 11, in Porterville.



MISS INA Stiner, who will ride as honorary grand marshal in the Homecoming parade that will feature Porterville's 40th Veterans' Homecoming, November 11. Miss Stiner is a half-century resident of the community, a retired high school teacher, former Woman of the Year in Porterville and a prominent historian. (Hammond photo)



JOHN BEYERBACH, past commander, Porterville Post 20, The American Legion, who is serving this year as co-chairman of the 40th annual Veterans' Homecoming celebration in Porterville.

PHEASANT SEASON OPENS NOVEMBER 15

SACRAMENTO, Nov. 6—California pheasant season will open November 15, with special tags necessary; 10 tags sell for \$2.00; all pheasants killed must be immediately tagged.

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J. CLAUDE NELSON, who was born and raised in the Porterville Community and who has been a community leader through the years, will ride as grand marshal of the 1958 Porterville Veterans' Homecoming parade, November 11. (Hammond photo)



From Daybell Nursery By John

We would like to suggest a new name for people that like to putter around the yard. Inasmuch as most of you say let's go out into the yard instead of let's step into the garden we think gardener is a name of the past. The proper name should be something like yardener or yarder. We can visualize a whole new industry of yarden supply stores dealing in things for your yard.

This leads us to wonder why they are called yards in the first place. A yard usually indicates three feet, but anybody with a yard to mow knows three feet hasn't much to do with it — unless possibly the grass appears three feet high. In fact it might well be that some irate gardener finding the hose always three feet too short, the weeds three feet high, the shrubs three feet too far over, and the walnuts three feet out of reach, decided he needed another yard and thereby named it.

This should lead up to a commercial about this point except we really haven't been giving it much thought. We do have a few beautiful bulbs left which we would like to sell before it's too late. Some are from Holland, some from the Northwest, a few from Southern California, and maybe even one or two with an oriental home. This warm weather has prolonged the bulb season and extra care in watering plus a shot of bone meal is important.

There are several varieties of Chrysanthemums in bloom if you are looking for "living color". Pansies are a good buy, and a few early Camellias are doing their stuff. Some of these are really too pretty to part with but with taxes and things coming up we have to make the effort. You'll find us west of the freight yard, south of the lumber yard, north of the pipe yard on "E" Street, Porterville. Come as you are — we don't look like much either.

A TUESDAY BONUS STORE



SANDRA TRIMM, Porterville college coed from Lindsay, who will reign as queen of the 1958 Porterville Veterans' Homecoming next Tuesday.



VESTA TOMICICH, Porterville college coed, who is one of the princesses for the annual Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, next Tuesday.



JUDITH HENSLEE, Porterville college coed, who was picked as one of the princesses for the annual Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, Tuesday.



ELAINE MORRIS, Porterville college student, who will serve as one of the princesses of the 40th annual Veterans' Homecoming in Porterville, Tuesday.

BONUS WINNER GETS \$92.50

PORTERVILLE, Nov. 6 — Mrs. H. P. Schneider of Porterville is \$92.50 richer today just because she shopped Tuesday Bonus stores last Tuesday. Mrs. Schneider won half of last Tuesday's Bonus, leaving a pot of \$112.50 for next week's Bonus shoppers. Because of the November 11 holiday, Bonus day will be Wednesday, November 12, next week.

Let's go to the parade, Tuesday morning—in Porterville, of course.



DEANNA MANTOOTH, Porterville college freshman, who has been selected senior princess for the 40th annual Veterans' Homecoming, Tuesday.

Saucelito Gets Approval For Construction

SAUCELITO, Nov. 6—The U.S. department of the Interior has approved a \$4,712,500 construction contract for a water distribution system within the Saucelito Irrigation district.

The proposed contract, that would be financed by an interest-free federal loan, must now be reviewed by the California District Securities commission, after which an election will be held within the district to determine whether or not to go ahead with the plan.

Farm Tribune Ads Get Results

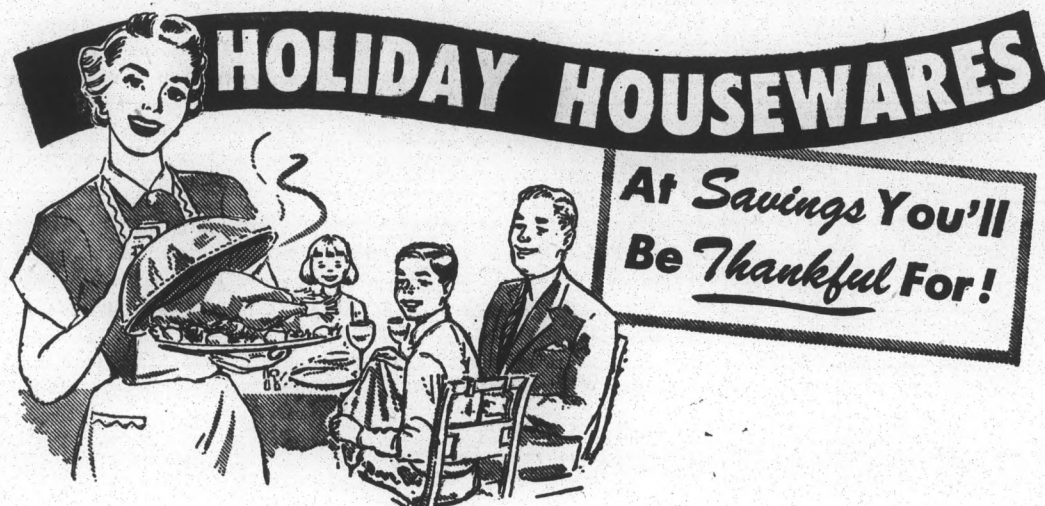


CLOVIS VEST, past commander, Mt. Whitney Post 2001, Veterans of Foreign Wars, who is serving as co-chairman of next Tuesday's Veterans' Homecoming celebration in Porterville.

Anna Bastady Named County 4-H All-Star

VISALIA, Nov. 6 — Anna Bastady, Vandalia 4-H club, was named one of four Tulare County 4-H All-Stars at annual county awards night held Saturday in Visalia. Other All-Stars are: Jeanette Benson, Palo Verde; Delbert Lopez, Columbine, and Bob Hengst, Woodlake.

Runner-up club for outstanding large club county award was the Vandalia club; Springville 4-H club received honorable mention for this honor. Named the outstanding small club in the county was the Richgrove 4-H club.



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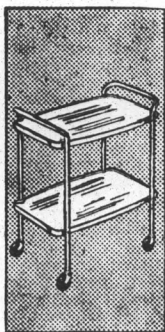


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Thursday, November 6, 1958

Diary Of William Gordon Tells Of Daily Living In The '70s

Editor's Note: The diary of William Gordon, from August of 1871 through the spring of 1872, does not carry accounts of the spectacular happenings in southeastern Tulare county; rather, it is a day-to-day account of living — living a simple, hard life, yet a life in which there was hope and dreams, humor and sadness. This diary is not a great document — it was not written as such, yet in reading it completely, one cannot help but catch the feeling of ordinary, country living in the days of the '70s. We are reproducing it, with some editing, through the courtesy of Mrs. Gertrude Oldham, of Springville, daughter of Mr. Gordon.

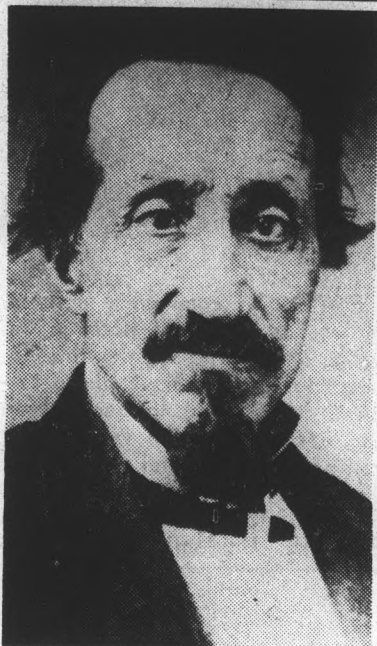
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 9, 1871

Commenced work for F. M. Kibler of Round Valley — at \$30 per month and board. Employed myself in cleaning the house and cooking utensils, feeding turkeys, chickens etc., and cleaning around the outside of the house.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 10th

This morning found a white turkey dead, don't know the cause of death.

Digging post holes all day in the dry bog and it is the hardest ground I ever tried. Killed three Tarantulas, the ground is alive with them. When returning at sundown found 8 hens dead in front of the



WILLIAM GORDON, who came to the Porterville area probably about 1867, and who became one of the community's early-day business men. Mr. Gordon's diary, written while he worked for hire in the early '70s, is being reproduced in this Progress Edition of The Farm Tribune.

house, cause, supposed, excessive heat. Saw a Tarantula fly that had killed a Tarantula and was dragging it home for supper.

Hard fare here. Bacon as hard as rock — bread, tea, coffee and sugar. Kibler started yesterday to the Wilson Mill for timber, will be



back by Saturday. Don't know what degree of heat the thermometer would show, but it was terrifically hot and while digging had to

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ANOTHER LANDMARK that recently fell in the path of progress is the old two-story apartment house, shown above, that was built about 1910 by Charles E. Smith and his brother-in-law, Kenneth

Smith. The building stood at Oak and Hockett and was demolished to provide a parking lot for the Security First National Bank; the lot, as it is now completed, is shown below. (Farm Tribune photos)

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Diary of William Gordon

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keep a wet rag under my hat. Water to drink — hot.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 11

Digging post holes, ground thoroughly baked and resembles hard putty when you pick it. Fifteen more chickens found dead when I came from work. It is a mystery to me.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 12

Digging post holes. Kibler came back at noon. He found out in the afternoon that one of his dogs was killing the chickens. He gave him a pistol ball. Kibler wants me to

go in with him as a partner or to buy him out.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 13

No work. Kibler went to Yokall for flour. Took a bath and washed my dirty linen. In the afternoon Mr. Kelly passed here. This evening, Kibler went to Millerds to see about a threshing machine.

MONDAY, AUGUST 14

Digging post holes. Kibler left this morning for Casey Camp on the Tule for fence posts. Graham, with 6 mule team; Marmon with 4 mule team as also Chilcot and another man on mules stopped here



CENTER OF community activity, as well as the finest hotel in the valley back in the 90s was the Pioneer Hotel, with above photo taken on Main street, looking toward the west. (Note the vacant area just north of the hotel and the dirt street.) Preparing to head for the mountains for a "Bachelors' Party" from left: Unidentified man hold-

ing the team, George Murry, Gerald Lumley, Charles Traeger, Dr. Hatcher, John Hervey, J. H. Williams, Dave Ellis, R. A. Brown, John McFarland, Henry McDonald, Dr. W. C. Brumfield, Wilko Mentz and Frank Jersey. The stage was probably provided by Will Thompson; the photo, from the Howard Frame collection, is dated April 17, 1892.

in the afternoon. We are to commence threshing Wednesday.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 15

Digging post holes. Kibler got back about 4 o'clock P.M. with 96 oak posts.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16

We both went down to Millerds to help to thresh and in the afternoon I came back to get supper for the machine hands who are here and will commence tomorrow, most likely finishing by noon.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 17

Commenced threshing and finished about 3 o'clock, there being 751 bushels of grain off of about 25 acres. Kibler goes to Visalia tomorrow and I will write to Mal-

lock tonight.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 18

Stacking straw. Kibler went to Visalia and took with him 2 letters from me to Mallock and Hugh Cameron. Saw the black dog killing hens and went to the house, finding 4 just dead, plucked and cooked them, making an excellent dinner and supper and plenty to spare for breakfast. This evening a Mr. Wortley stays here, his horse being tender footed, gave out. He is hunting a young stallion. Thunder, lightning and rain last night. Terribly hot.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 19

Hauling sacks of grain from the pile to the house. Not having room in the house, we have to put 104 sacks in the straw pile. Mr. Wortley left this morning, not finding his colt.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

Finished putting sacks in straw
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Diary of William Gordon

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pile and covering them with straw. Cleaned up the house, had a good bath and washed my clothes. Kibler took 24 cwt. grain to Jordans on the Yokall.

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

Cleaning the grain, wastage of the machine, and stacking straw. Kibler left this morning for the mill and says he will be gone about 4 1/2 days.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

Cleaning grain and stacking straw. While cleaning an iron pot, let it fall by accident onto my foot, thereby incapacitating myself from work for over 3 hours in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

Finished cleaning, sacking and stowing the grain, afternoon, stacking straw. Before noon Mr. Young came by; says he has a nice place at the head of Lewis creek, wants me to help him build a house. Give board and \$2 per day, and after that, if I like, will give me \$30 per month. Have promised if possible to go up on Sunday and see him.

Have a great notion to leave this place for a variety of reasons viz, too damned hot to work. Hard tough bacon and bread. No vegetables, poor water, and it's warm and well sprinkled with alkali. No family nearer than 4 miles on the North side and God only knows how many miles South, and as for passersby, perhaps one or two a week. Altogether too hot to attempt to sleep in the house. Working in the heat of the day. Sweating, and barley beards sticking to

your undershirt, it is a decidedly miserable way of getting grub.

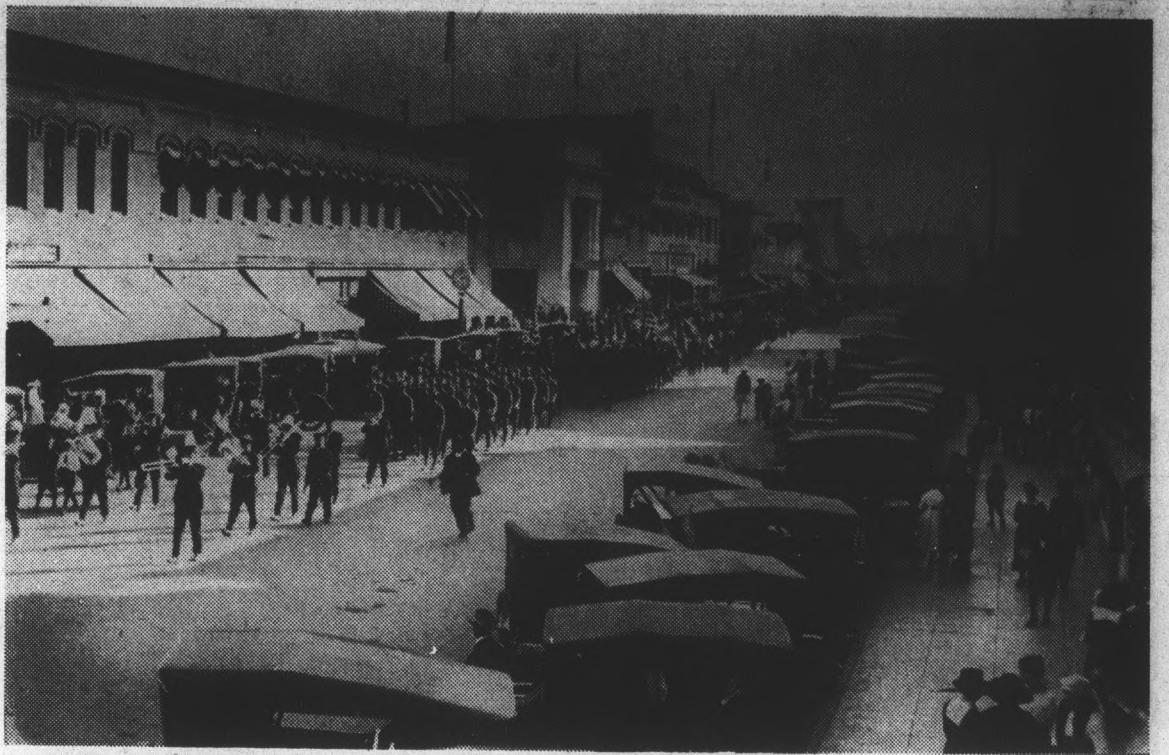
THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

By noon finished stacking straw and by sunset had the fence finished around it. 3 Indians passed by for the Reservation (one of them "Tule") and two more towards the Yokall. One man passed in a buggy who I took for F. C. Hunt. Will have a good bath now. Adios.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

In the morning washed my clothes and dug some post holes. Jas. Benware came for his barley in pay for 2 days work threshing, which I gave him. Kibler arrived at noon and afternoon started off for Visalia for some provisions, as also a pr. of boots, tobacco and a cork hat for me. Is to be back tomorrow evening. This evening after supper a Mr. Johnson came for Kelly's chickens but I could not give them as I did not know how

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PORTERVILLE'S FIRST Armistice anniversary parade, November 11, 1919, moves down Main street, going toward the north instead of the south, as has become the custom in later years. World War I veterans, just back from military service, are marching behind the band. Street today doesn't look too much different, but how about those cars parked along the street?

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many he owned — gave him a supper, the best I could, it being so late. Have a companion tonight, a weary traveller who is bound for Visalia. Says he helped to take up some of H. M. White's bucks to

the summitt. Gave him supper and will breakfast in the morning, and a good bed tonight in the straw stack.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Digging post holes. Kibler arrived late in the evening—brought

home some sugar, bacon and coffee, also for me 1 pr. boots, \$5, cork hat, \$2.50, and tobacco, \$2. Total, \$9.50. He says he has sold 7,000 lbs. barley at 1 1/2c to the stage company to be delivered at the Enloe station. Received a letter from Malloch who says he has not yet heard of any situation for

me.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Helped Kibler to load up 42 sacks barley for the stage station, weight 3,800 lbs. Cleaned the house and myself and then went out and found his corner stake so that I can now dig post holes on the north line.

In the afternoon read "Brick" Pomeroy's Democrat. I miss the San Francisco "Chronicle" very much, but as I am not yet settled down, shall have to wait awhile before I can subscribe for it again. There is one thing I do like in Pomeroy's paper, it is that either Republican or Democrat doing anything wrong he comes down on him heavy.

Today wore my cork hat which is a decided improvement on the old style of hat, especially in this hot place, as it allows a free circulation of air around the head, keeping it, comparatively speaking, cool, in the intensity of heat.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Finished digging the holes on the west line and commenced on the north. Kibler took down the finishing lot of barley to the station and in the afternoon started to the mountains for more lumber, taking at the same time a ton of barley to Mitchell and Tooy (1 1/2c) Robert Baker and Wells called here at noon. Kibler offered to sell his place (160 acres) to Wells for \$500, taking off the ground all articles not fixtures. Wells, I think, will consider over it, if the sale is made, the jig will be up with me.

Terribly hot today and no sign of cooling this night. Had a good bath to see if it would cool me, but don't find much benefit from it, more than keeping my flesh clean.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Digging post holes and ground seems to be getting harder. It is certainly "penny wise and pound foolish" for a man to have dull tools to work with. Hot—Hot—Hot.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

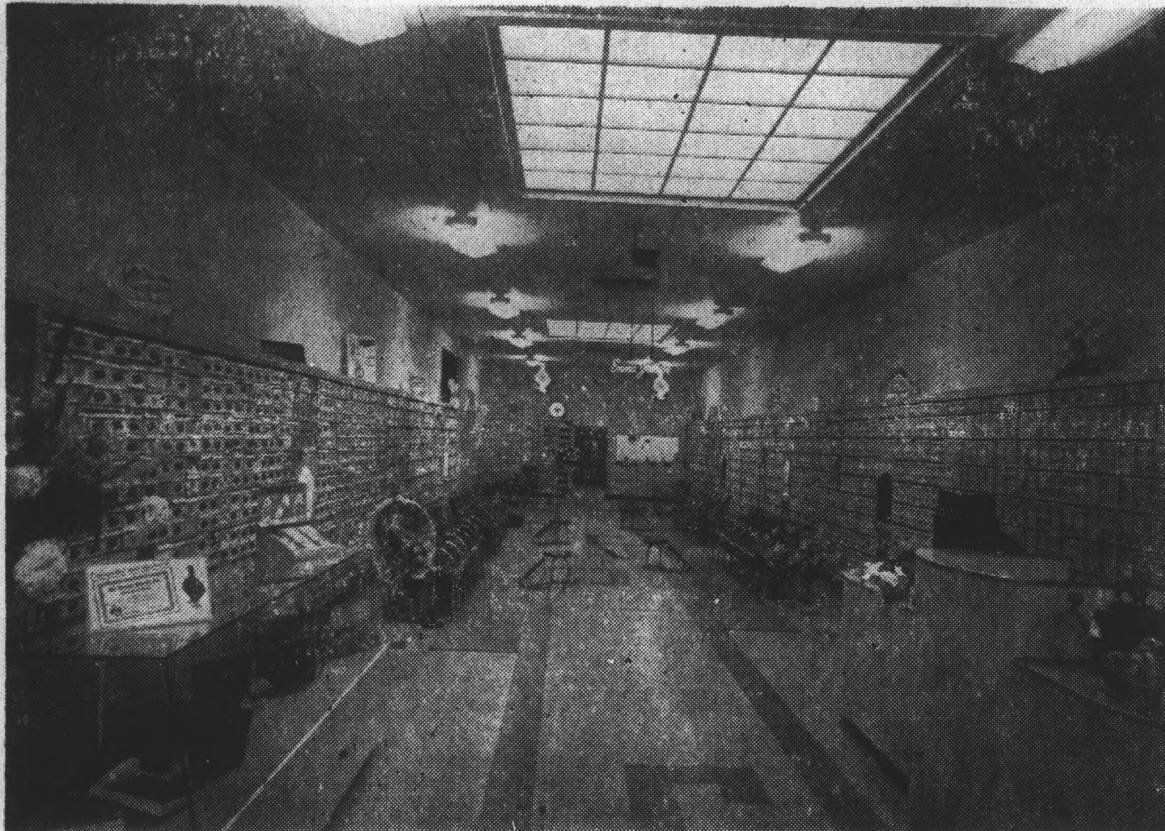
Digging post holes. Has been somewhat cooler today. In the afternoon 2 Indians came to water their horses and say they are from Antelope for Tule River hunting for "mujeres". The mare that got away on Monday morning came up this morning for water and hay, so I put her in the corral and may possibly have a ride to Wortley's on Sunday. This Mr. Wortley says he is descended from the famous Lady Mary Wortley.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Digging post holes, can manage about 30 per day, holes well filled with big rocks, but not the early-day golden rocks. The Widow Gordon's son was here today and he says the land she wants to let out is 80 acres of swamp land to be fenced and broken by the renter who is to have the use of it for 2 years. A very nice little thing for her if she can find anyone who is very anxious for land on any terms, but not for me. Shot at a hog this morning to scare him from

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the straw stack, which had the desired effect.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Digging post holes. Kibler came back late last night with a load of Oak posts and this morning left again, he was one day ahead of his time. Ellis, the assessor, was here with a tax paper for Kibler to fill out. He wants to hold the office again and would like to have my vote, notwithstanding that I am a Republican. He takes a letter from me for D. Malloch. This evening Mr. McCutcheon came down from Kelly's old camp, about 11 1/2 miles with a demijohn for water, asked in to supper. Says he has to come this far for water for himself and three pups he is raising for sheep dogs.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Digging post holes. Between 1 and 2 o'clock this morning the dogs barking furiously; went out to the corral and found a racoon in

one of the horse stalls. When I got there with my pistol, he concluded it was one too many, so came out, which gave the dogs a good show which they were not slow in taking advantage of. The way that "coon" got shook was a caution. I finally shot him in the head, but before he died he bit a hay rake in two which I touched him with.

Had just got to bed, when the hogs got around and before I could be quiet had to shoot one of them, taking an old sow in the point of the nose and the noise she made snapping her teeth at the dogs was terrible, at least it sounded so to me, to think what she might do to anyone if she had a good snap at his leg.

Wells was here today, tells me Charley Hechler is dead, having fallen out of a buggy and broke his leg, then had the delirium tremens for 3 days and while in that state

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POSING WITH some of the young ladies of the community, back in 1887, are members of the Porterville band, with the photo showing, from left, standing: Bart Hockett, Bob Redd, Will Sibley, Clyde Tyier, Judge R. C. Redd, George Murry, Jim Redd, Bob Hockett and Will Putnam; seated: Lizzie Kelley, Nellie Young, Lena Hockett, Angie Sibley, Jennie Adams and Minnie Kinkade; seated in front: Ben Dunkley and Chris Tyler. Photo is by Rothi & Moore, from the H. Traeger collection.

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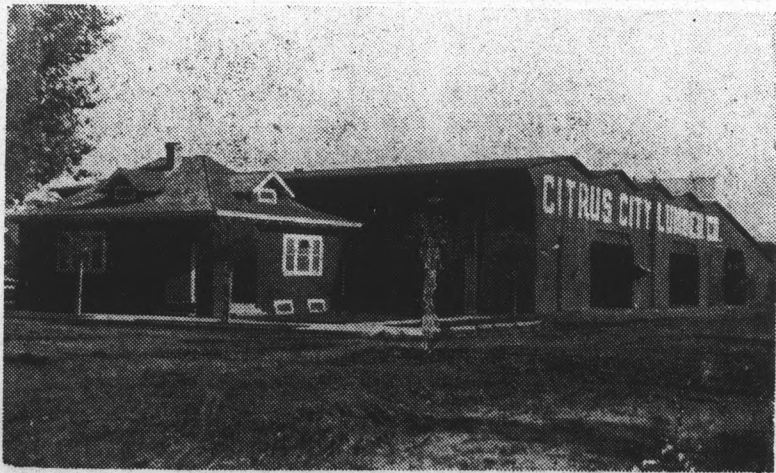


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could not have amputation take place, so had to die. Johnny McGuinn ran away from Porterville, no cause assigned.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

Went up to Mr. Wortley's and got some onions. His place is about 11 miles from here at the head of Lewis creek, and a mighty rocky road part of the way. I cannot for the life of me conceive how

people will get into such out of the way places and then to spend hundreds of dollars in improving the same and when they want to sell out can get but a very small price.

Wortley got some dinner for us which went very well until I got one of those large stinking ants and

that was the hair that broke the camel's back. Called on Benware; he too has a miserable place of about 20 or 30 acres fit, or hardly fit, for cultivation. His notion of living so far away from civilization is to fence in the place with brush and then go to raising hogs.

It is a terrible dry country and the people say that springs that were never known to fail in former years are now drying up fast. What the sheep men will do for feed when they have to leave the mountains is hard to say, for there is none down here. Rode Old Jack, and he being a hard traveller, I am pretty sore, but feel better for a little change, having been here three weeks without going away from the ranch.

Wednesday next being election day, I may possibly go to Porters-

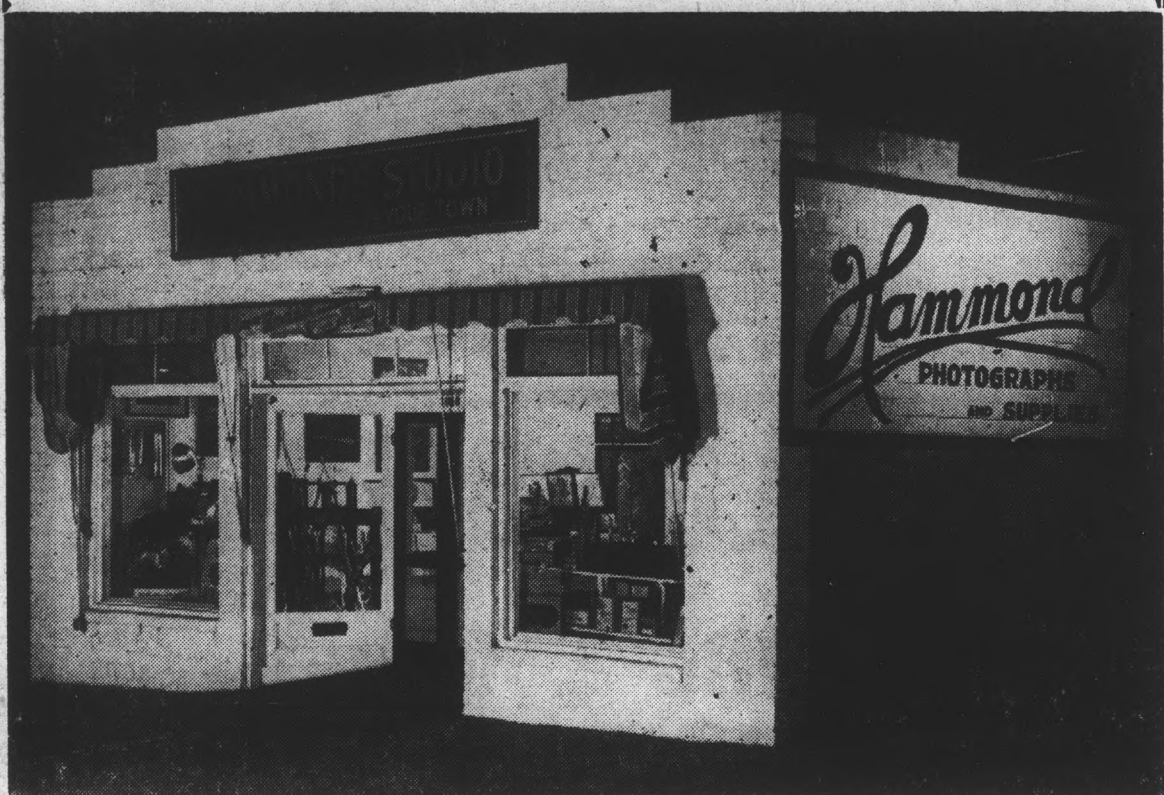
ville (10 miles). Tomorrow is the day appointed for the drawing of tickets in the Cosmopolitan Benevolent Society Raffle, Nevada City. My ticket, No. 23,052, I trust will bring me a decent prize so as to enable me to either start a little business or take a trip home. But I suppose it will be some days before we hear from the raffle.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

Digging post holes half a day, about noon while shoveling out some dirt, gave myself a sudden twist in the back and for the rest of the day could not work, added to which feel a little sore from yesterday's ride. Speaking of the excessive dry and wet seasons, the Indians say that we haven't seen either of what they call a dry or wet one. They even have seen (that is some of the very old ones)

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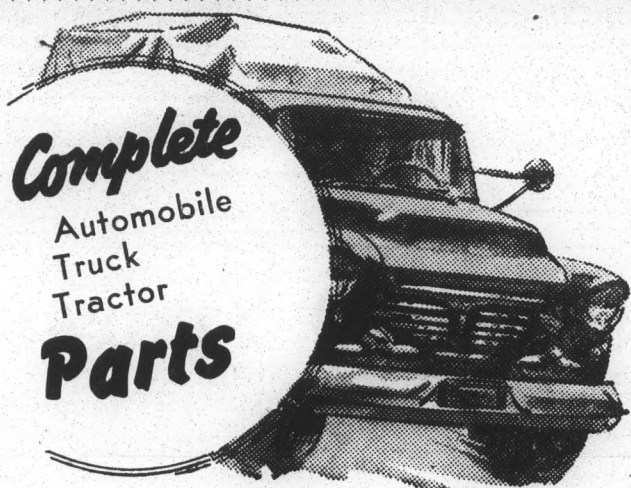
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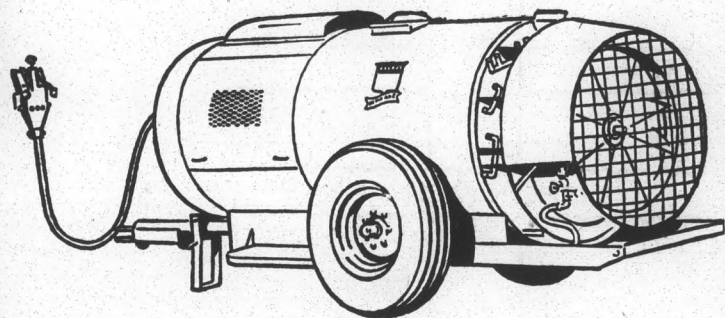
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the Trinity River and Kings River nothing but water pools and the water in the Trinity River 3 feet higher than in the flood of '61 and '62.

I don't know what ails the turkeys today. They are all on the fight.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Digging post holes. Kibler came this evening with the last lot of posts. Wrote a letter for D. Malloch.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Digging post holes. Kibler went to Visalia this morning and took my letter to D. M. Election day for County officers, expect that whiskey will be punished severely in Visalia and Porterville. Kibler and I made a standoff, so I did not go. Cattle last night broke down the fence around the straw and one old "toruno" has been waiting all the afternoon patiently for night to come so he can have a slight bite. Has been very cool all day! Slept none last night having drank coffee for supper, no tea in the house. No paper to read and nothing to do so will go to bed and try to make up for last night's want of sleep.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Splitting Oak and topping off the straw stack. Kibler got back last night about 9 1/2 o'clock. Malloch has heard nothing from the Lottery. Kibler says he has enough money to pay me this month but does not know where to get any for the next. Wells is stopping with us tonight. No certain news about the election, but it is generally believed there will be some surprise in the non-election of several Democratic office seekers.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

In the morning helping Kibler to start to mill again to be gone 3

days. Fixing up a new panel of fence around the straw stack, cleaning up the house and making bed. Also putting tacks in the soles of my boots as they are ripping and I cannot afford \$5 per month for new boots. Kibler took away a ton of barley for Wells. Wells went along with him. This night ends my month here and as to stopping longer, I don't know how it will be if he cannot pay me. He seems to want to do right, but if positively not able to have any help and if he leaves the place alone it will soon go to ruin.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

Digging post holes, washing clothes etc. Mr. Hovey called here tonight, he is the one that came by so late Thursday night. He is looking for a man that shot a George Hall the night of the election in Visalia at Baker's corner. He returns to Visalia tonight by way of Yokall. Gave him a little supper.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

Spent the morning in household work, and running pistol balls. Read some of "Brick's" Democrat. Have not seen a single human being today, and this is life here.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

In the morning, digging post holes and in the afternoon setting posts with Kibler who came home at noon, bringing with him his former partner, Jordan. After dinner Jordan took the team and wagon hauling some clapboards over to the Yokall.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

Setting posts. Team not come back yet.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

Setting posts, about 11 o'clock A.M. Jordan came back with the team and he and Kibler then started for the mountains for more lumber and posts.



THIS THING we call progress is taking its toll of older landmarks in Porterville. Shown above is the First Baptist church that stood for nearly a half century at Second

and Mill streets, but which has been torn down to provide parking area to serve Porterville's business district. Upper photo shows the church and annex just after demolition work had started; lower photo shows the "new look" as parking area replaced the church. The Baptist congregation is now completing a new church between G and H streets, just south of Porter slough. (Farm Tribune photos)

ber and posts.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

Finished setting posts on West line by noon, after dinner digging more holes, crow bar dull as can be and tough ground. Sweat rolls off pretty freely. Suppose I average 2 gallons of water per day for drinking this hot time.

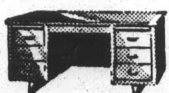
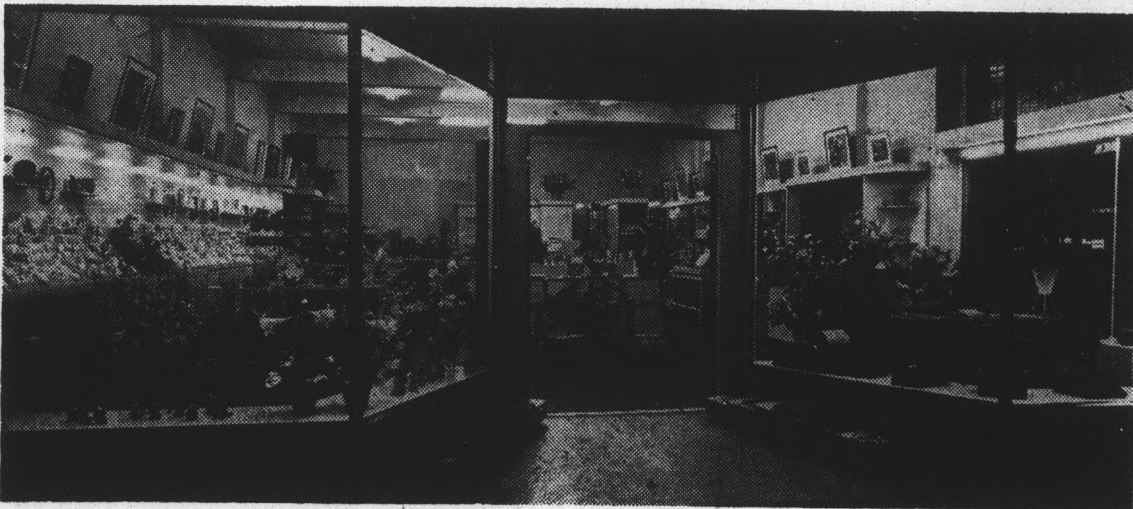
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

Digging post holes. At noon Henry Hunsacker (formerly sheriff of Contra Costa Co.), E. M. Bentley, 2 others and 3 vaqueros stopped and camped. In the course of conversation with Bentley, he seemed to want to let me his or-

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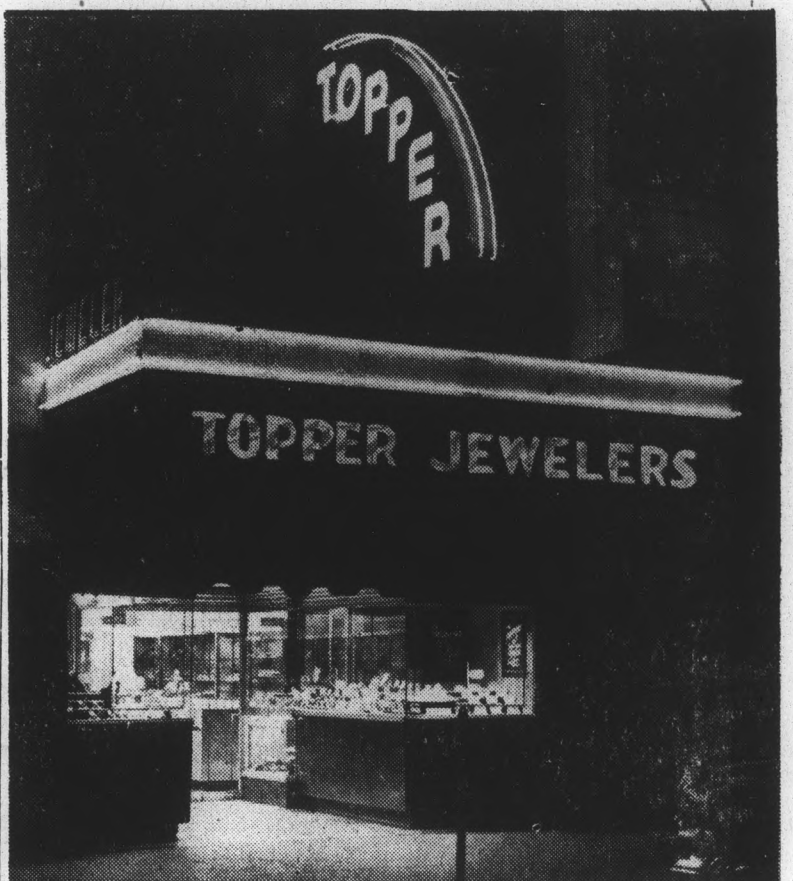
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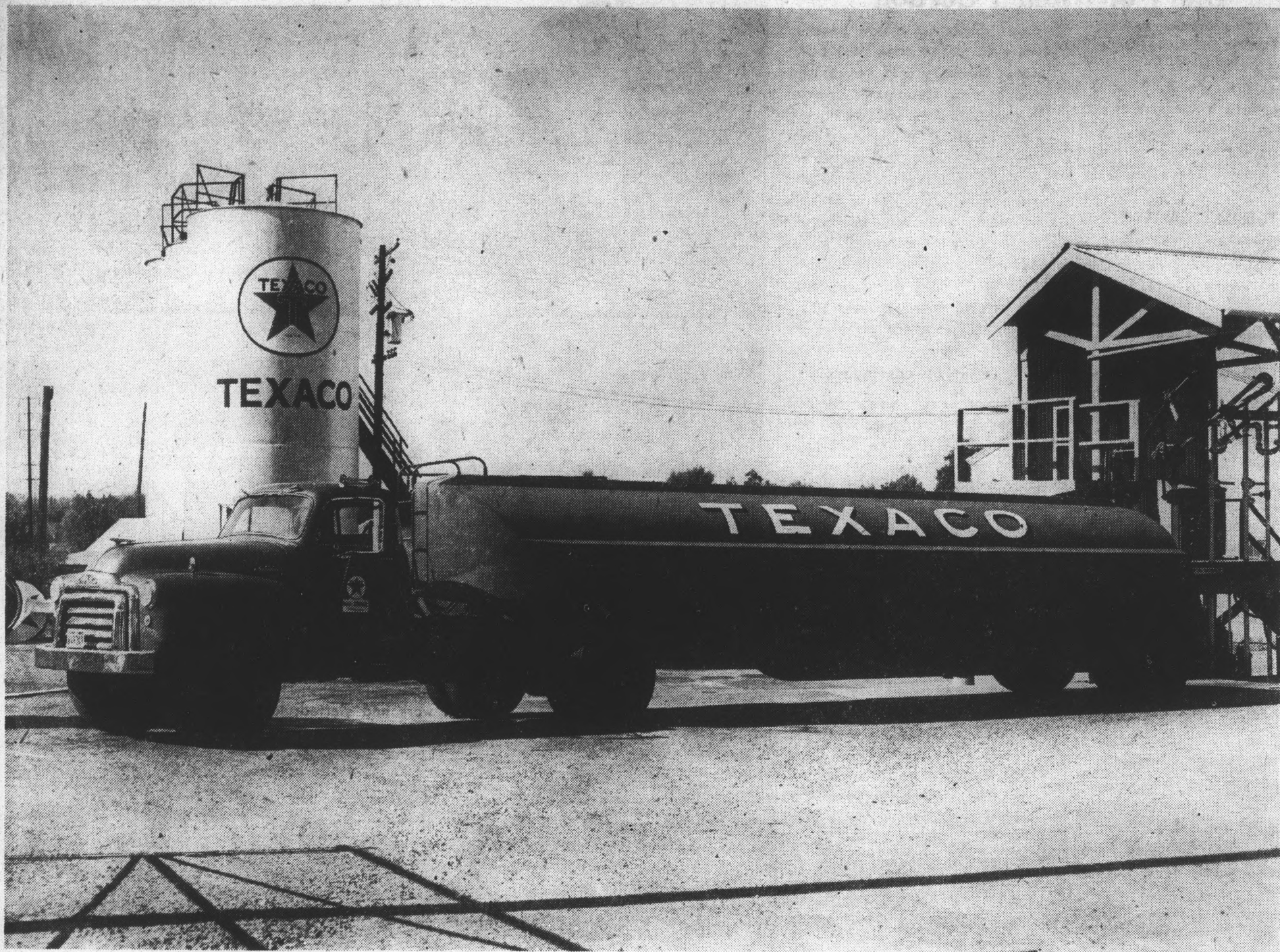
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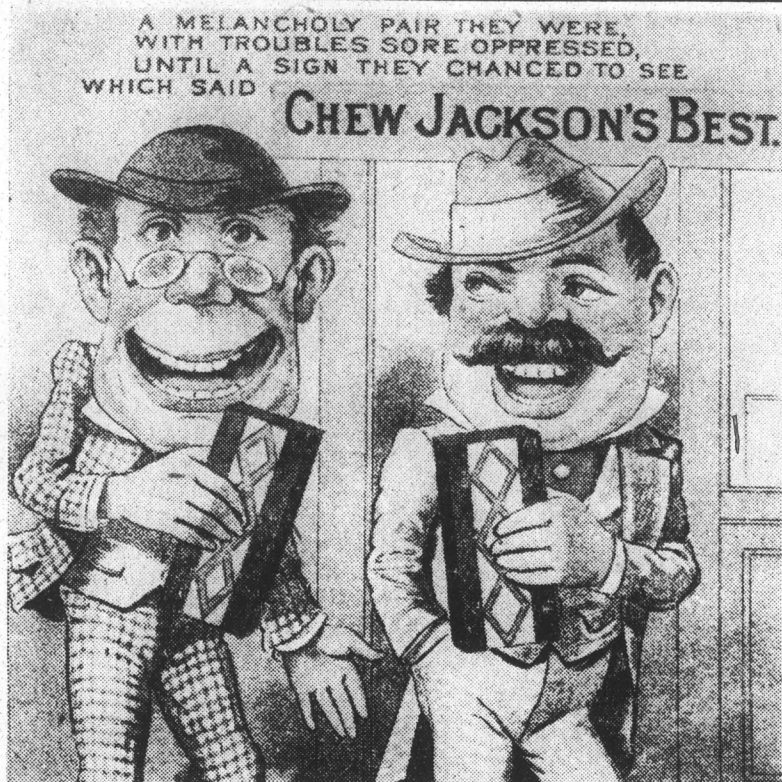
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THE FARM TRIBUNE

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THE FARM TRIBUNE PROGRESS EDITION

Thursday, November 6, 1958



THERE WAS plenty of tobacco chewin' back in the old days, and the two characters above, vintage about 1872, are testifying for Jackson's Best. Says the copy at the top of this ad: A melancholy pair they were; With troubles sore oppressed; Until a sign they chanced to see; Which said Chew Jackson's Best. (From William Gordon scrapbook)

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VISALIA, Aug. 3, 1871 — A Visalia man says game is very abundant in Nevada. The principal varieties are seven-up, poker, faro, keno and prairie chickens.

Diary of William Gordon

(continued from page 7, Section B) chard and garden at Visalia. Says he is now renting it to a Chinaman for \$400 per annum.

Editor's Note: At this point, Mr. Gordon, who spoke and wrote several languages, wrote several pages of his diary in Spanish. When he again started writing in English, he had apparently moved from the Kibler place to the Millerd place on Lewis Creek.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Commenced cleaning up the house.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 23-30

Putting up his barn that had been blown down. Received of Millerd, tobacco, 50c; sack apples, \$2.00.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

Putting rafters on barn. George Dillon camped here last night and this morning I gave him 9 empty barley sacks to take and get filled with apples at Bob Campbell's (Millerd's brother-in-law.)

On Sunday, Millerd started for Wilson's mill for lumber. Last Friday we went to Farmersville with the wagon and 7 horses and a good load of lumber for Rice, at Outside Creek. At 5 o'clock P.M. he took one of the horses out of the team and went over to see his wife, leaving me to take the 6 horses and wagon and load of barley

home. Everything went well for about an hour, when there arose a terrible wind, fetching along such clouds of dust I could not see more than the tails of the wheel horses.

In such a dust I could not see the turning off road and finally brought up at the Euloe station at 9 o'clock. This was the first, and I hope the last dust storm that I'll ever be caught in. When I got home next morning, the house was in a filthy condition and had to take a whole day at cleaning up. Millerd did not come back until Sunday. Adkinson passed this evening.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

Rose at 5 o'clock, got breakfast

and out to work in good season. Putting on the sheathing for clapboard. I find this a more lively place than Kibler's. Yesterday afternoon a new, patented threshing machine went up to White's in Frazier valley. It is a kind that I have not seen before and looks a good deal more simple in its construction. Several wagons passed today.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

Finished putting on sheathing. Put up staging and commenced putting on the clapboard on the north side of the roof. One 8 horse team with trail wagon loaded with wool passed late in the afternoon and about a 1/4 mile from the house got stuck in the road, I suppose in some of those places that

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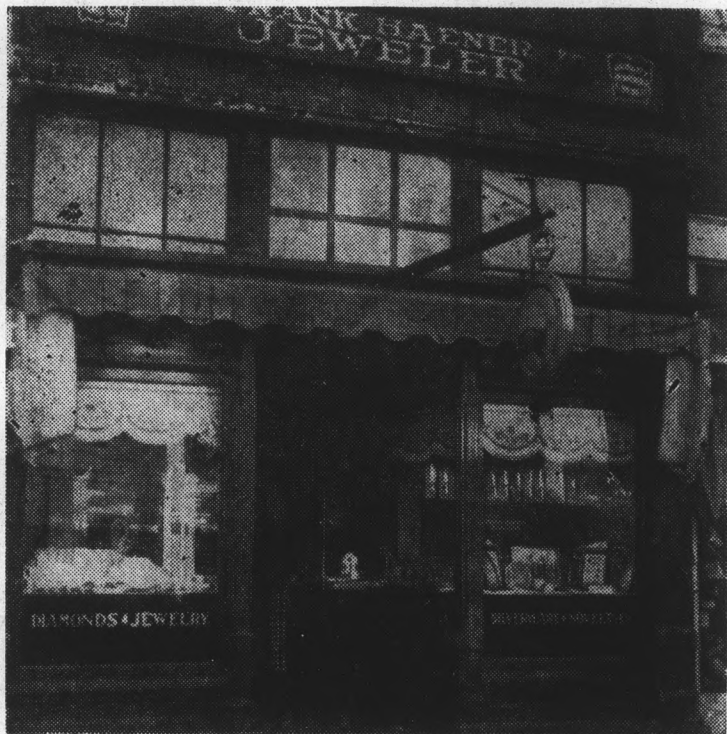
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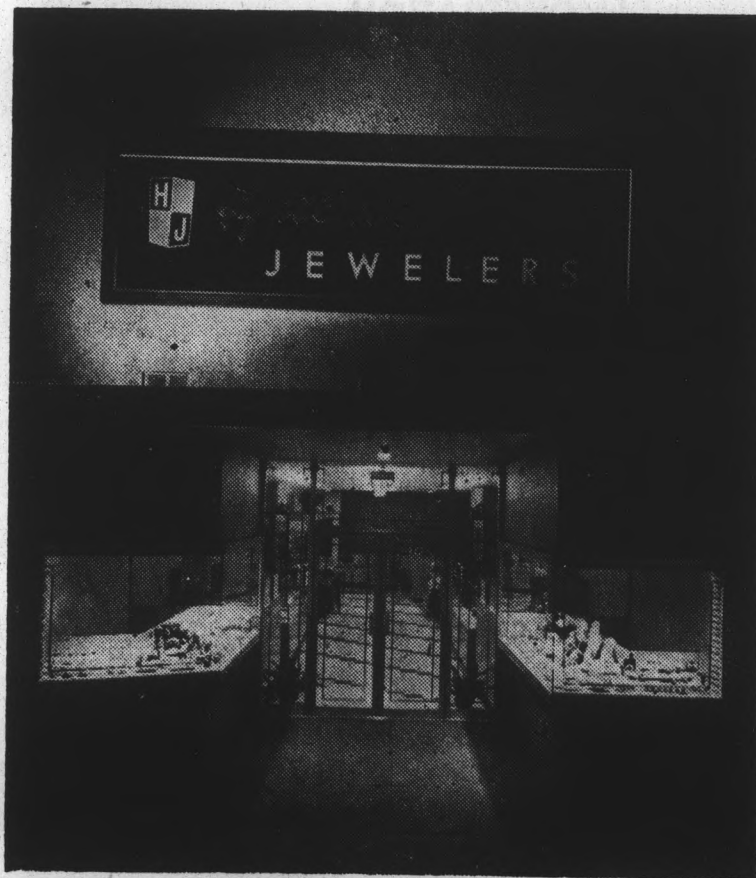


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are a little softer than the most of the road.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Finished putting on the clapboard on north side of roof; in the afternoon nailed up the boards on the east end.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

Nailing up boards and fixing the feed trough in stable. In the afternoon, Kibler came to borrow some flour. I let him have 7 pounds which he is to return as soon as he

can get some. Ellis, the assessor, passed and asked for something to eat, which I gave him. He offered to pay but I refused taking anything. Millerd makes a long stay this time. About 10 o'clock it commenced to rain and lasted about 2 hours but it was not heavy. While raining, went and put up loose straw in stack.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Blowing hard all day from the south. Washed my linen and myself and cleaned up generally.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Finished the west peak of barn. In the afternoon moved the skeleton building that is attached to the one we live in preparatory to leveling this one and then will pin the other on again. This evening, a Mr. Tackett brought a cow for Millerd. He says Millerd will most likely be here tonight as he has the calf on the wagon. He is bringing lumber for the barn. George Dillon passed in the afternoon but it was too early for him to camp here, but says he will be coming back. Several teams and men rid-

ing have passed today.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Millerd arrived last night about 7 o'clock, pretty well tired out. He brought a load of boards and 1-100 clapboards. Today, until noon, he helped me to nail on the boards around the 2 ends and other side. The lumber being just cut was very heavy and would be impossible for one man to nail on alone.

In the afternoon he took 4 horses and wagon and started for Farmersville. Tackett left this morning and has left an impression on my mind that he is the essence of laziness. The cow and calf doing



IN THE '70s, Charm of the West chewing tobacco was a popular brand, with the above ad stating that it is a "Hard Times Antidote and Suicide Preventative." (Original from scrap book of William Gordon...)

well. The calf is the most curly haired animal I have seen for a long time.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Putting clapboards on stable roof. A Mr. Doran stopped here to water his team and says he will likely want some carpenter work done at his place. I told him I worked for \$3 per day and board. Elijah Smith stopped here tonight with about 56 sheep, some of his that have strayed away from his flock. Says there are about 200 more to collect.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Nailing on clapboard, Millerd arrived just before sunset. He brought the Cider barrel but some person had taken out all the cider and filled it up with water.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Helping Millerd, and roofing. Millerd bought me 2 clay pipes, 12 1/2 c. He was hauling straw to the barn this afternoon.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

Finished the roof of barn and stable

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

We both worked today leveling up the house and in the afternoon Millerd finished hauling straw to the barn.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Today have pulled down the fence around the straw stack, piled it up, saved all nails and burnt the refuse straw. At noon a woman came here in a wagon and wanted water for her horses. I told her it was very scarce and she could not have much. She then came in and said she would take a cup of tea with me. She sat down and what little dinner I had put on the table for myself she and her boy cleaned out, and, the worst of it is, she says on her return she will camp here. The Lord forbid it, if she is going to leach on me.

Kibler came to see us yesterday and returned the borrowed flour. Early in the morning Millerd started for the mill, to be gone 5 days.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Putting up porch at the back of dwelling house. George Dillon camped here tonight. He says the cause of his delay was his bursting some spokes in one of the wheels. In speaking about the grist mill, he said that he would

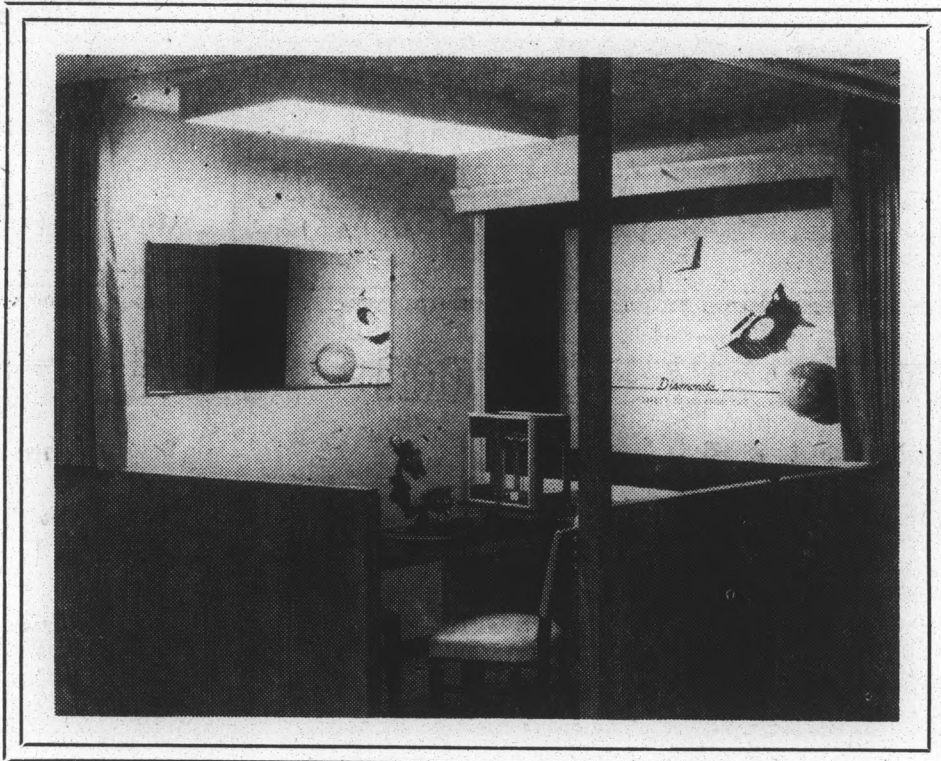
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Diary Of William Gordon

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speak to his father to give me some employment there. After supper, while talking together, Jim Daley came here with his team to water, but he had to go a mile further as there was not enough in the well.

George Dillon being unwell with either a toothache or cold in the jaw, I told him to put the mules in the stable and then come and take half of the bed with me, and he appeared to be well pleased with the arrangement.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Finished the porch and put on the clapboards to north side of roof and house, the other side being already done. Today ends my first month's work with Millerd.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Fixed up outside the house and about 10 o'clock a heavy dust storm arose, lasting until about sundown. Late in the afternoon, went and put up straw in the barn. My old Irish lady friend is camping here tonight but I am sorry to say I did not give her a very good welcome. She has a bed and will have to sleep in the barn. Her name is Conly.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Today made a window frame and put it in the south side of dwelling. Millerd arrived just as I was getting supper. He has more lumber for the house and barn.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Today getting out base boards

and flooring which has to be planed and matched. Millerd has gone to Farmersville with 1 M feet fencing for Brundage. This coming week will work on extension of house so as to get another room done and then Mrs. Millerd will come up here again. She is now staying with her sister, Mrs. Campbell, about 3 miles N. E. of Farmersville.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Washed my linen and had a good bath. In the afternoon did some work on the house.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Planing floor boards all day for the alleyway between the two rooms.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Started to match the floor boards but find the match planers are not the right size and after nailing on the base board put on some siding. Millerd has not come back yet and I cannot imagine what keeps him so long.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Planing siding. In the afternoon Millerd arrived and says he was delayed by the severe sickness of his little boy. Two teams camping here tonight.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

Millerd stayed here today and helped me fixing up the other room.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Building kitchen and putting up rafters on the adjoining room. Millerd left early for the mill.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Started to work on the kitchen,

but about 11 o'clock it commenced to rain, and it was then necessary to stop all other work except putting all the dry lumber under cover which I finished doing about 5 o'clock. Before it rained heavy, we had a pretty good sand storm.

Just before sundown, a man and woman came in a wagon, going to Venice. They were both pretty

well chilled and I soon lit a fire for them. They then (as it was raining) concluded to stay all night, so I gave them my bed and took up quarters in the barn. Their name is Arnold and they are living on old man Axe's place.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

Did some little work today, but

finally thought better of it. The wind blew heavy last night. Millerd arrived here this evening, fearing a storm in the mountains.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Fixing roof of kitchen. Millerd working on barn. This is the day for the Nevada lottery to commence drawing the prizes. Saw

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Diary Of William Gordan

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Wells this afternoon. Kibler and Wm. McHenry paid us a visit last night.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Cloudy and sunshine. Roofing, Millerd getting out posts for the porch. This evening the wind is rising and it looks rainy. After dinner Millerd went up to Ellis' place a horse back to fetch 2 milch cows tomorrow.

Where there is none but myself to work on the house it is mighty slow work, but with patience and perseverance it will undoubtedly bring things to an end. Noticed 10 sheep in the afternoon evidently estrayed from some band feeding along close to the house and going in the direction of Myers' place.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Planing floor and roofing. Rained hard during last night and the wind blew strong. Six poor stray sheep lay under the window all night and in the morning five left and the other one I put in the barn for the poor thing to get warm in the straw. Millerd came back this

evening, having left the one cow at Twohey's and the other one 16 miles away, she having slipped and fell over the rocks, bruising herself badly and he fears she will die tonight.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

Roofing, finishing north side.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

The day was spent in Sundry jobs. Let the sheep out and have not seen him since. Millerd went to Farmersville.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Closed up the west peak of the house, also closed in the kitchen and made one window frame. The old cow died last night. Millerd arrived this evening, brought me tobacco, \$1.25. Before putting the hoses in the stable, he hitched on to the cow and dragged her out. Foggy all day.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

We both worked all day putting down the flooring of the alley way and fixing another window frame in the kitchen. There is a man here this evening, James Waters, who appears either to be love sick or drunk, I don't know which. He certainly acts mighty ridiculous. Foggy part of day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

Today built a corral for the 4



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taking off the plow blade, drove it to town as a sulky. General agent for this forward-looking piece of equipment was E. E. Ames, of Sac-

ramento, sometime in the '70s. (Original print from scrapbook of William Gordan.)

head of animals (cows and steers, calves) which Millerd bought at Waters, also planed flooring. Mil-

lerd left of Waters' house as he bought some 1,500 feet of lumber of him, to be back on Wednesday. About noon, a boy came from his wife to say she was sick and wanted him (her confinement, I guess). As Millerd was gone, the boy had no instructions to go on farther for him, so returned. Fine clear day.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

Fixed a new frame and waterbox for the grindstone, planed flooring and leveled the ground back of the house. After supper made 4 pumpkin pies. Foggy all day and

drizzling at night.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

Planing and matching flooring. In the evening Millerd and Waters came with a load of lumber and some grub.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

Kibler came here today and helped me to finish the roof of the house which is now finished. We got through at 4 o'clock P.M. Millerd gave his note for \$153 80/100 for nine months, from Dec. 6th interest 1% per month, to James

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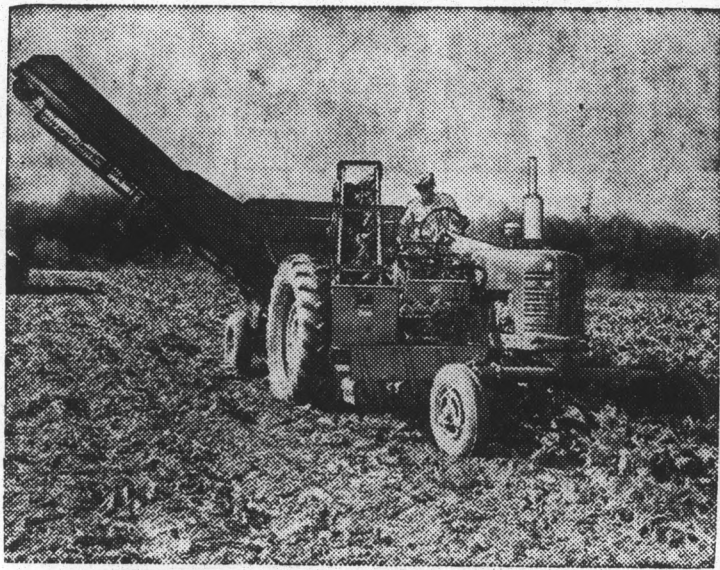
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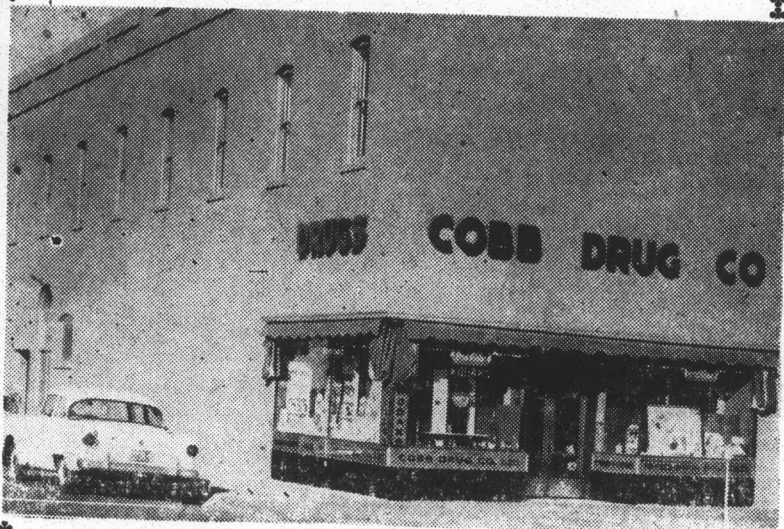
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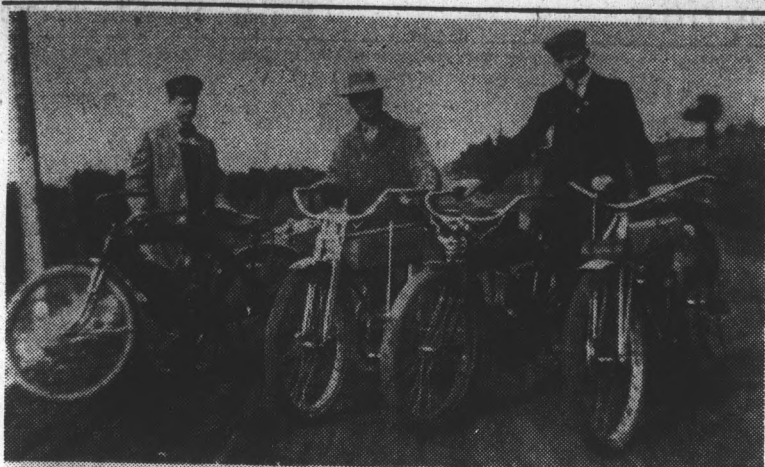
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(Photo courtesy Bud Schortman)

for Mrs. Millerd. Christmas eve, and a very dull one.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas day and a very beautiful one. We had a turkey for dinner and Kibler and Wm. Henry came to the feast.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

Worked on the house and made a bedstead for the 2 boys. Millerd went to Campbell's and brought back the cow.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

Slight rain. Cows and steers dying all around. Made door casing and hung door. Arnold and wife are staying here tonight.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

Rain all day. Worked in the barn.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

Rain. Planing boards.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

Fine part of day, and rain.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

No work today. Dull day. Neither fine nor wet.

MONDAY, JANUARY 1, 1872

Fine weather, nailed on siding.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 2

Made a cradle. Fine day. Millerd went to Rice's with lumber and returned the same day.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3

Cloudy. Cleaned out the barn. Millerd went to Farmersville and back. Says they have had no mail for a week from below.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19, 1872

From the 4th to date, variously employed in farming business and fixing up the house. Millerd has been to Dillon's several times and tells me that as soon as spring opens, they want me to go and take charge of the grist mill with George Dillon. This I know comes through George as he has kept his promise.

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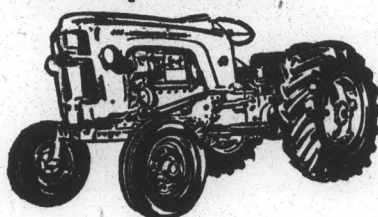
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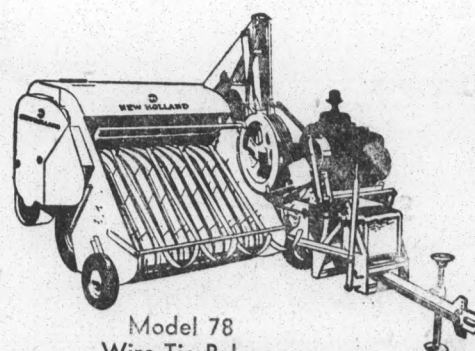


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Diary Of William Gordan

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Waters for lumber and sundries. Millerd went to Farmersville to see his wife. Foggy weather.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

Matching floor boards for alley way and nailing down the same. The match planes are very inferior, which delays one greatly as they both choke up every two or three strokes. No word yet from the Nevada Lottery. Cloudy all day with a cold wind from south.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

Same work as yesterday. First part of day cloudy. In the afternoon the sun was visible for 2 or 3 hours. Cold north wind blowing.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

Worked all day. Foggy.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 11

Planing flooring. Millerd went to Farmersville.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12

Cleaning house to get ready for Mrs. Millerd's arrival. Ellis stops here tonight.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13

This afternoon the whole family arrived. Exceedingly cold tonight.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14

Planing siding and Millerd nailing it on.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15

Fine, clear day. Nailing on siding. Millerd left this morning for the mill.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

Nailing on siding. Planing more and making a straw mattress for Mrs. Millerd. This afternoon her stepfather, Dave Smith, passed, being the first time I have seen him. Fine warm, sunny day.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

Fine all day. No work this day.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

Rain all day. Planing boards in the barn. This evening Millerd came home.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

Rain part of the day. We were both getting out and putting up the cornice.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

Rain and sunshine. Planing siding and cornice boards and making a table. In the afternoon quite a stream of water was running in Lewis creek.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

Rain all day. Planing siding.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

Rain with hail. Planing boards.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

Rain part of day. Planing siding and finishing the table.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

Fine weather with indications of rain tonight. Made a lamp stand

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GRANITE QUARRY IS IMPORTANT INDUSTRY

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 25, 1908 — One of the newest, yet most important industries that has been started in this part of the state in some time is the granite quarry recently opened by the Rinehardt-Weems Granite company.

This company, composed of Harry J. Rinehardt and George Weems, both of Hanford, where they have been engaged in the manufacturing of monuments and tombstones, came into this field only a short time ago.

They located a granite deposit about three miles east of town on property belonging to Williams and Spratt. They purchased three acres of the hillside containing the best ledges of light granite that can be found anywhere in the country.

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duced, is the above advertisement for ladies' garters, what with the

nounced equal to anything in the world for hardness, clearness and purity, it being 98 per cent pure granite. This makes its commercial value the very highest, which justifies the opening of the quarry on an extensive scale.



NO DOUBT a daring work of art, back in the 1870s when it was produced, is the above advertisement for ladies' garters, what with the prominent display of lower limbs by the lady on the left. But note those fancy dresses, and those high-top, button shoes. The original is done in full color and is a real eye-catcher. (From William Gordon scrapbook.)

Diary Of William Gordon

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On the 15th Millerd bought for me tobacco \$1, and 6 yds. blue shirting @ 30c per yd., \$1.80. The weather has been alternately cold,

foggy, with rain and the last three days bitterly cold, but with sunshine.

The kitchen floor is planed, matched and nailed down. Have been blue stoning wheat for seedling.

From information in the county papers, it would appear as if they were certain that the no fence law will pass the legislature and if so, it will give many a poor fellow a chance for a home.

A strange family of four stopping here tonight on their way to the mountains. They say the road from Dillon's to Dutch Bill's is terribly bad. Ellis, who passed here this morning, says the same thing, and had to leave 500 lbs. of wheat here until sent for so as to lighten his load.

He gave me a grape cutting (Rose of Peru) which I set out in front of the house. Have also set out about 12 other grape vines, 2 plum trees and 12 plum cuttings, but these I am not sure will grow.

Millerd inquired of Brundage and he (as an agent) says that they have not commenced drawing the prizes in the Nevada Lottery, stating as a reason that they cannot until they get their returns from the East. I'm afraid it is a decided "Sell."

I have a great wish to preempt a piece of land but am afraid to do it until the fence law is passed.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Have been employed in farm work generally. Have had heavy frosts with rain.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

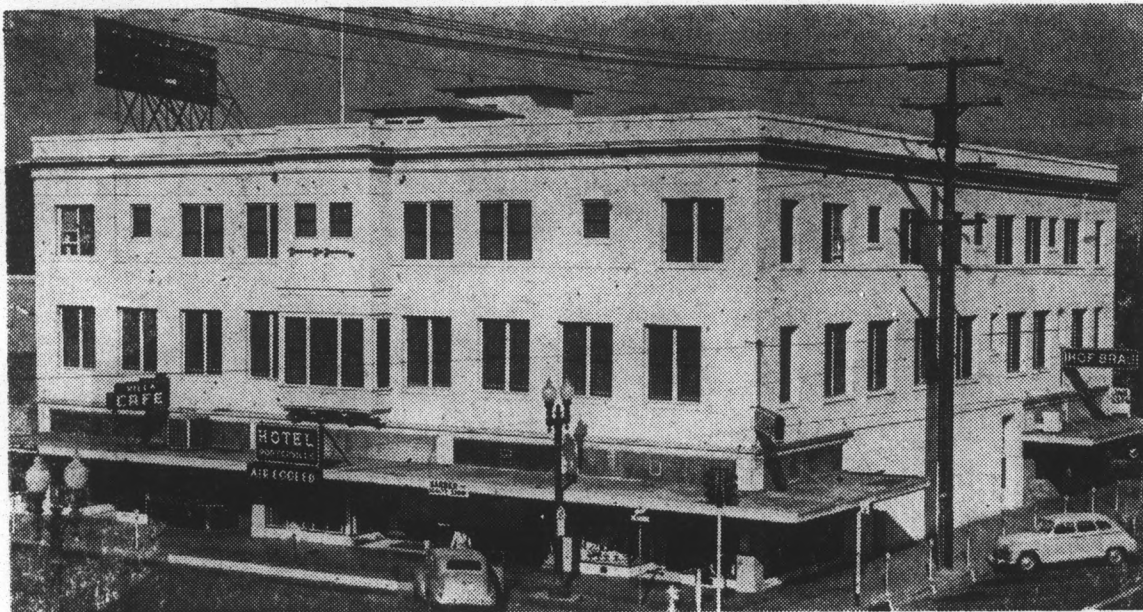
Since writing up the last day, been employed cutting wood, making a cupboard and sundry other work. Millerd and family left this morning for Mrs. Van Voorhies party on the evening of the 14th and they propose to return on Wednesday. Kibler passed this morning on his way to town.

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

Since writing up last date, becoming slightly lazy and neglectful about my diary. The Lottery tickets have been drawn, and no prize for me. Millerd and I are now talking of going into the raising of the Ramie plant and see if that will pay us anything good. If that should prove profitable, we may yet be able to buy one of the trav-

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KEEPING OF a scrapbook was a common practice in the old days, with William Gordon, like many pioneers, clipping and saving a wide variety of articles, pictures, postcards, advertisements, that were of interest at the time. The above picture, taken from Mr. Gordon's scrapbook, is of the third Tulare county courthouse, the corner stone for which was laid on October 27, 1876. The picture still has interest, for it is one of the better ones that has survived down through the years.

Diary Of William Gordon

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eling steam engines for plowing and threshing.

TUESDAY, APRIL 2

Two heavy shocks of an earthquake.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Two shocks of an earthquake this evening. Since Tuesday, several shocks, said to be caused by a burning mountain east of Owens River. Lone Pine damaged considerably and a part of the town sunk 16 feet. Have been fixing a new wagon bed to Millerd's wagon for him to carry freight in.

Kibler helping.

Millerd and family gone to Visalia instead of Cramer's party. Wednesday, Smith came here bringing his daughter and step daughter. The step daughter, Miss Sue Macalpin, takes my fancy.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Since first shock of earthquake, we feel shocks every day and especially at night, being both heavy and frequent. After the shock, the earth appears to vibrate more or less for hours. Mrs. Millerd and family gone over to Smith's and are staying there tonight. Mrs. Millerd's mother (who is visiting here) went with her.

Editor's note: From this point there are several short diary entries

until Saturday, June 29, 1972, where the diary of William Gordon ends.

ORANGE CHOP HOUSE MERGED WITH SCOTTY'S

PORTERVILLE, Sept. 25, 1908—

The Orange Chop House at the rear of the Orange saloon has ceased to exist and has been merged with the Scotty Chop House.

The proprietors of the Orange saloon found that it was no easy task to run a chop house on a paying basis and hire all the help. Then there was the smoke of the chop house that drifted into the saloon and besmeared the mirrors, the woodwork and even gave the bartender a rusty appearance, quite unbecoming to a well-conducted and modern saloon.

So, Ed. McKinney decided to get rid of it. He made a proposition to Ralph Calderwood and

Wilson May Sign Labor Exemption Bill

WASHINGTON, D.C., Apr. 14, 1913 — President Wilson is in favor of amendment of the Sherman law to exempt labor unions and cooperative organizations of farmers from the prohibition against combination in restraint of commerce. President Taft vetoed the Sundry bill because it carried such an amendment.

Webb Loyd to take the white elephant off his hands. The counter in Scotty's Chop House is being lengthened to accommodate the increased trade.

As for the Orange, the rear part of the building will be fixed up and turned into a billiard and pool hall.

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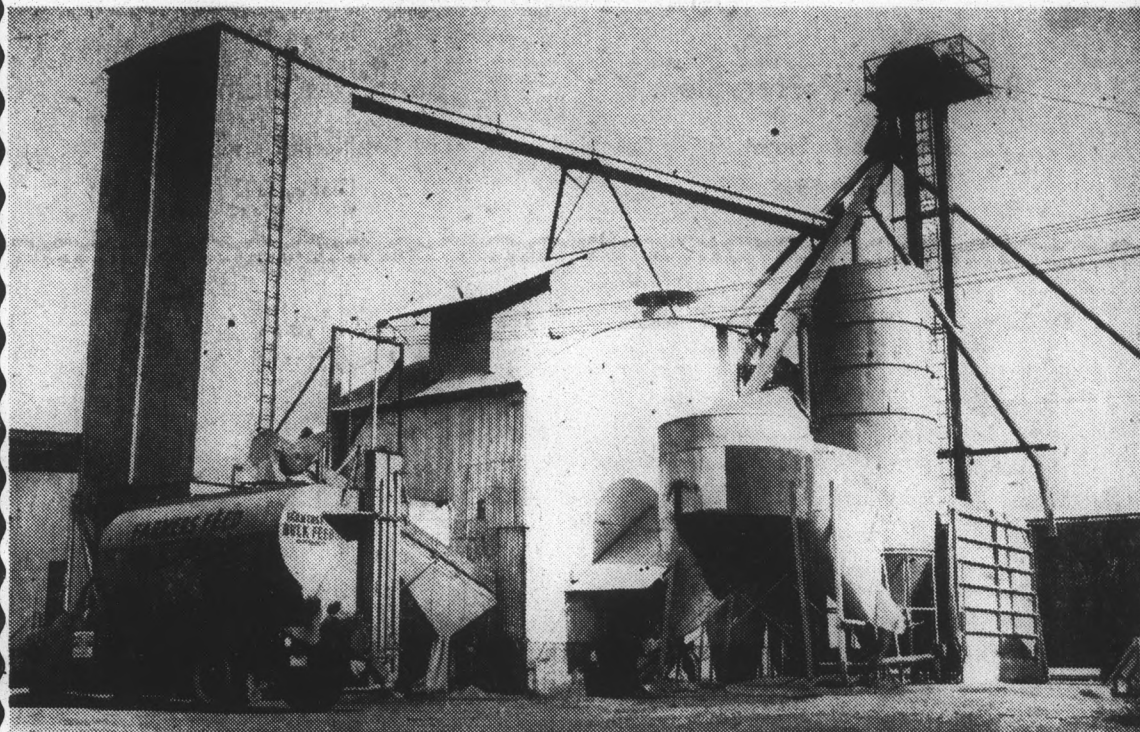
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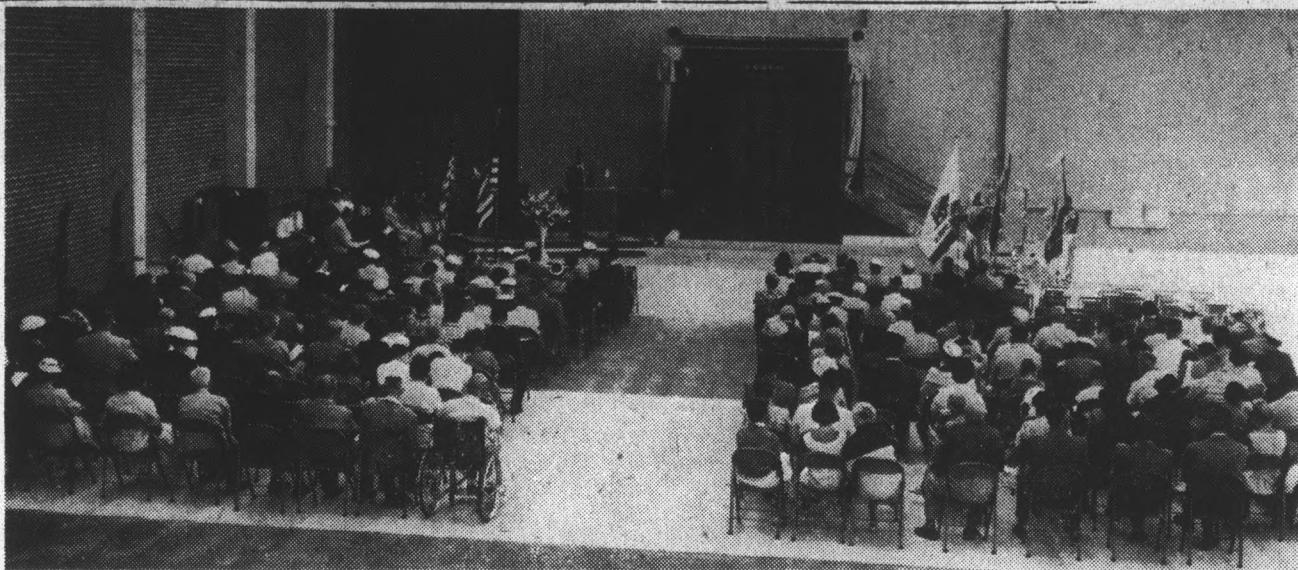
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**CAMP MEETING
AT ROCKY FORD**

PORTERVILLE, Aug. 4, 1877 — The camp meeting organized and put into operation yesterday at St. John's, or Rocky Ford, is proving to be the most interesting and beneficial of any heretofore held. The Reverends Hunsaker, Duke and Avery are in attendance.

**GOOD TOBACCO
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PORTERVILLE, Aug. 4, 1877 — For good cigars or chewing tobacco, go to R. P. Merrill's in Porterville. Merrill's, the old, established house, also has pure drugs.



EVENT THAT will be history some day was dedication of the Memorial court, adjacent to the new Porterville auditorium at Olive and Jaye. This scene shows a general view of the crowd during the dedication ceremony that was held on

Memorial Day, May 30, 1958. The granite plaque, top center, bears the names of men and women of the community who gave their lives for their country, dating from the Spanish-American war. (Farm Tribune photo)

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**Hay Ride Rained
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PORTERVILLE, Sept. 25, 1908— The hay ride which was to have been given by members of the Sequoia club last night was well attended, and although the weather man sent along a rain storm, members of the club started for Plano in spite of the downpour, and doubtless would have continued there but for the fact the driver of the conveyance lost his nerve and refused to go further.

After a council of war, it was decided to go to the Opera House for an hour or two of dancing; Mrs. Tanner, Miss Hall and Miss Laughead furnished the music.

Among those present were: Misses Eza Sarthou, Laura Uhl, Louise Templeton, Maude Van Emmon, May McCabe, Carmah Bradrick, Hope Marsh, Elizabeth Cole, Jennie Hall, Jeanne Laughead and Messers Verfurth, Story, Hershberger, Goolrick, Pennell, White, Pohl-

**Last Day To File
Damage Suit From
Titanic Disaster**

NEW YORK, Apr. 14, 1913 — Tomorrow has been fixed as the last day for the filing of damage suits against the White Star line in connection with the sinking of the Titanic, just one year ago.

The \$7,500,000 ship, with 2,223 persons aboard, went down after striking an iceberg, with a loss of 1,517 lives. The sinking of the Titanic was the most frightful sea

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NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 4, 1877 — Theodore Tilton says the way the California ladies gamble in gold and other mining stocks is exceedingly distressing to an Eastern visitor. It absorbs their attention, and they talk about the subject almost to the exclusion of fashion, literature, art and amusement.

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